

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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October 8, 2023

19th Sunday after Pentecost

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), 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 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.

Silence for self reflection

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.

C: Amen.

***Opening Hymn: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life LBW 429**

***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: Isaiah 5:1-7

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 80:7-15

Read responsively

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-46

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message



***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**

***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.

***Prayers of Intercession:** Please see Celebrate insert

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

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: Let Justice Flow Like Streams WOV 763

*Sending:

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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



Our worshipping community:

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

Ministers: The People of St. Luke **Pianist:** Dave Deysher

October Worship Assistant: Donna Rhodes

Today's Lay Reader: Richelle Deysher **Lay Reader next week:** Faith Thunberg

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

Attendance—September 24 In person: 27 Online: 63 Offering: \$1,195

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, October 8—Pentecost 19

8:30 AM Service of the Word
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)
9:30 AM Coffee Hour
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

Monday, October 9

7:00 PM WELCA

Tuesday, October 10

10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday, October 11

9:00–2:00 PM LWR Quilting
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 14

9:00 AM Bible Study at St. Paul in Penryn

Sunday, October 15—Pentecost 20

8:30 AM Service of Holy Communion
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children/Adults)
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

NEWS IN OUR PEWS

Bible Studies:

Thursday morning ZOOM Bible Study: This Thursday at 10:00 AM online with Pastor Angie to take a look at the texts coming up for the Sunday lectionary. A ZOOM link will be emailed out the week of each study. Contact the church office to be added to the email invitation.

Beer & Bible: A Thursday evening monthly meeting at the Franklin House for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Join us at 6:30 PM on October 19.



Book Club: Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, November 9th at 7:00pm in the Chapel. We will be discussing *Leonard and Hungry Paul* by Ronan Hession. Everyone is invited for a great discussion.

Coffee Hour: Volunteers are always welcome! Sign up in narthex.



Council Invitation: Please prayerfully consider serving on council. The terms of 4 members of council are concluding at the annual congregation meeting in January. One of those 4 has consented to another term and at this time 2 other church members have agreed to serve. Council needs 3 more people to serve. If interested or would like more information, please talk to a current council member or notify the church office.

Ministry Emphasis for October: Lutheran World Relief

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 are on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM. Contact Linda Holt for more information.



October is



Pastor Appreciation

Month



*Thank you
Pastor Hammer!*



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

Please notify the church office and Pastor Angie
when the prayer chain is activated and for pastoral care & emergencies.
For revisions to the above list, please contact the church office.

