

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

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November 6, 2023

All Saints Sunday

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:** On Eagle's Wings

Flute Duet, Holt Sisters

### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**C: Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin**

**that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,**

**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**

**open our hands to serve your creation.**

**Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** Rise, O Children of Salvation      LBW 182

**\*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

**\*Litany Hymn: LBW #174 "For All the Saints" (vv. 1 & 2)**

**\*Litany for All Saints:**

P: Blessed are the dead who die in Christ from henceforth, that they may rest from their labors, for their works shall follow them. Let us not be ignorant, friends, concerning those who fall asleep.

**C: That we grieve not as those who have no hope; For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, those who have fallen asleep in Jesus, God will receive.**

P: But someone will say, "How are the dead raised?" and "In what manner of body do they come?"

**C: That which we sow is not the body that shall be, but a bare grain. But God gives it a body even as it pleases him, and to each seed a body of its own. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory.**

P: It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality;

**C: For if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with human hands, eternal in the heavens.**

P: Jesus says to all the saints of all ages, "In God's house are many rooms...and I go to prepare a place for you."

P: Members of our congregation and others who have died since last All Saints Sunday have also heard his voice telling them:

"I have prepared a place for you"...

*\*Leon Boyer                      Avis Malcom, Jr.                      Fred Mann*  
*\*Janice Miller   \*Tom Nolt*  
*Betty Schlingmann      Joe Steenson*



P: There are other friends and family who we know have died this year, whom we now mention in voice or heart (names) and Jesus has said to them, "I have prepared a place for you."

**C: And Jesus says to each one of us, "I am preparing a place for you. I will not leave you desolate, I will come to you."**

P: Jesus says, "The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, shall teach you all things, and bring to you remembrance of all that I have said to you."

**C: Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. So, do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."**

P: Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, though they be dead, shall yet be alive. And whoever believes in me shall never die."

**C: God created all people to be immortal, and made us in his divine eternal image.**

P: The lives of the righteous are in the hands of God, from which no evil can tear them away. They are in peace and their hope is full of immortality.

**C: For God has tested them, and found them made worthy by his Son, who is Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.**

**\*Litany Hymn: LBW #174 "For All the Saints" (vv. 7 & 8)**

## WORD

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

The scriptures are printed on the Celebrate insert

**First Reading:** Revelation 7: 9-17

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Read responsively

**Ministry of Music:**

Choir: Guide My Wayfaring Feet

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-3

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

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

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

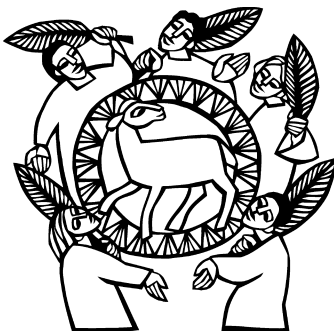
**\*Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Message

Musical Interlude



**\*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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Offering Prayer:**

P: God of all goodness,  
generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.  
Number us among them  
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling  
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,  
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.  
And so, with all the saints,  
with the choirs of angels and all 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: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**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

**\*Invitation to Communion:**

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

**\*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.

**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: Blessed Assurance

Flute Duet, Holt Sisters



**\*Communion Blessing:**

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Prayer after Communion:**

P: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

**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:** Shall We Gather at the River      WOV 690

**\*Sending:**

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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**Our worshipping community:**

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

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

**November Worship Assistant:** Sue DeLong

**Today's Lay Reader:** Elaine Matternas      **Lay Reader for November 12**

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

Attendance— October 29      In person: 44      Online: 66      Offering: \$1,210

**This week at St. Luke**

**Sunday, November 5—All Saints Sunday**

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

**Tuesday, November 7**

10:00 AM      Band Together

**Wednesday, November 8**

7:00 PM      Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM      Cemetery Board Meeting

**Thursday, November 9**

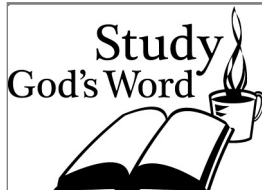
10:00 AM      Band Together  
10:00 AM      Zoom Bible Study  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM      Community Free Meal  
7:00 PM      Book Club

**Next Sunday, November 12—Pentecost 24**

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

**November 11—Thank You Veterans!**

## NEWS IN OUR PEWS



**Thursday morning ZOOM Bible Study:** Join Pastor Angie online 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. The next date is November 9 at 10:00 AM

**Beer & Bible:** A Thursday evening monthly meeting at the Franklin House for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Join us this Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 PM.

**Book Club:** Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, November 9th at 7:00 PM 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! Please 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.



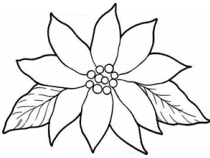
**Habitat for Humanity:** Everyone needs a decent place to call home. When families live in stable, with affordable housing, they have the capacity to build their own brighter futures. That's the message that Wayne Gongaware, Lancaster Lebanon Habitat for Humanity board member, will

be sharing with our congregation on **Sunday, November 19** following our service. All are welcome to attend the discussion and learn how you can help local families on their journey to achieve Habitat homeownership in our communities.

**History Books:** These are available for \$20.00. Please contact Anna Mae Grubb: 717-273-7035 or mrgrubby@comcast.net.



**Ministry Emphasis for November:** Lebanon County Food Bank



**Poinsettia Orders** Cost is \$7.00 each. Plants are red blooming with green foil. Order envelopes are in the narthex. Orders are due on Sunday, November 27.

**Spang Crest Event:** St. Luke is scheduled to host an event on November 15, 2023 at Spang Crest for a fun gathering for the guests. Anybody is welcome to join Linda Hollinger to play some games and provide a treat. Donations for small prizes and gifts would be greatly appreciated. Suggestions are tissues, lotions, small chocolate bars, long necklaces and seasonal Knick-Knacks. There will be a basket in the back of the church for any items.



**Thanksgiving Meal at Penryn:** Donations for Penryn's annual free Thanksgiving take home meal are needed. Please consider donating any of the following items: Turkey, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, canned veggies, cranberry sauce, cookies. Please see Pastor Angie if you'd like to volunteer or if you have questions. Thanks in advance for your support!



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



Today is All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Day is actually on November 1.

*It is also known as...*

All Hallows' Day

The Feast of All Saints

The Feast of All Hallows

The Solemnity of All Saints

The Hallowmas

In the Christian community it is the solemnity  
celebrated in honor of all the saints.



*The altar flowers given by Jake and Judy Werner in memory of Carol Werner and Gene Keppley.*



## *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, Howard Moore, Brian Navarre, Barry 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 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.

**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.**