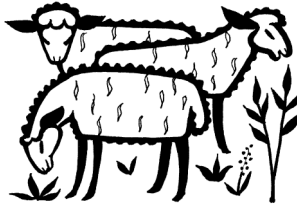


# St. Luke Lutheran Church

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November 26, 2023  
Christ the King Sunday  
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](http://www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran), or on YouTube:  
[www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa](http://www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa)

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Passing the Peace:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share his peace with one another.

### Prelude

#### \*Confession & 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.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**      What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine      WOV 780

**\*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.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**      Please see the *Celebrate* insert

**Reflective Music**

**Children's Message**

**Prayers for the Blessing of the Church Family and Individual Families**

L: God our creator, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth. Lord, in your love and mercy,

**C. hear our prayer.**

L. God our refuge, inspire the church family near and far to diligently search and find those missing in the chaos of this world; the homeless, the addicted, the ill, the immigrant, the aged, the rejected, the grieving, and the lonely, that we welcome them into our households of faith. Lord, in your love and mercy,

**C: hear our prayer and embrace them.**

L: God our protector, we pray for all who are far from home, that they will live in safety. For all who are alienated from us and who stay away from this table, that they may return to this home of faith and compassion, and that we are prepared to welcome and greet them. Lord, in your love and mercy,

**C: hear our prayer and embrace them.**

L: God our healer, we pray for the sick, the aged, the lonely, and any who cannot be with us this day, especially those we now name in voice and heart, that they may know of our concern for them and feel your healing embrace. Lord, in your love and mercy,

**C: hear our prayer and embrace them.**

L: God incarnate, you lived among us as part of a human family, teaching us the joy of family love and relationships. We humbly ask for your favor and protection on our St. Luke family. Make this congregational home and every member's home a place of peace, joy, gratitude, compassion, forgiveness, and love. Lord, in your love and mercy,

**C: hear our prayer and embrace us.**

L: God of love, you created the Church in love and mercy. Through the bond of marriage you have established the family and willed that it become a sign of Christ's love for his Church. Shower your blessing on this faith family and each family gathered here this day. Enable us to love and support one another in fervor of spirit and devotion to prayer. Make us responsive to the needs of our community and be witnesses of your Son in all we say and do. Lord, in your love and mercy,

**C: hear our prayer and embrace us.**

L: God of compassion, we give you our thanks for the gift of family, friendships, and the community of faith. We pray your blessings on all families and relationships that reflect your love, that our lives mirror your compassion and mercy. All these prayers and the mediation of our hearts we lift you,

**C. Amen.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

For all readings, please see the *Celebrate* insert

**First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 95:1-7a**

Read responsively

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23**

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

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

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

**\*Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

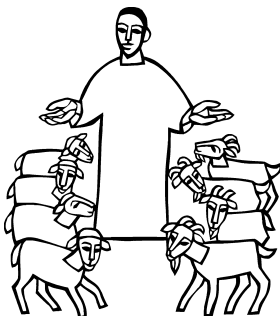
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Message**

**Hymn of the Day: Shall We Gather at the River**

WOV 690



**\*Apostles' Creed**

P: United by the Holy Spirit, let us profess our faith

in the words of the Apostle's 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, 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

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

**\*Lord's Prayer**

P: God, 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 Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C. Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn**

Shine, Jesus Shine

WOV 651

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude**

A warm welcome is extended to JP Welliver,  
our guest musician for today's service.



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**Our Worshiping 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:** Richelle Deysher

**Lay Readers for December 3:**

Mike DeLong, Sharon Reber, Melissa Gettler, Steffi Gettler, Faith Thunberg

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



**Last Week – November 19**

**Worship Attendance:** In-person: 48 Online views: 49 Offering: \$1,994

**This week at St. Luke**

**Sunday, November 26—Christ the King Sunday**

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

**Tuesday, November 28**

10:00 AM Band Together

**Wednesday, November 29**

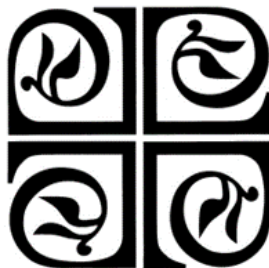
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 30**

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

**Next Sunday, December 3—Advent 1**

8:30 AM Holy Communion/Dedication of the Greens/Food Bank  
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children/Adults)  
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal





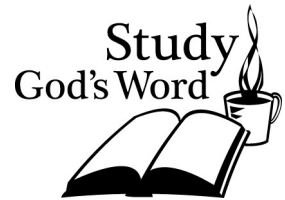
## NEWS IN OUR PEWS

### Beer & Bible:

A Thursday evening monthly meeting at the Franklin House for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Join us on December 14 at 6:30 PM.

### Bible Study—Thursday morning ZOOM:

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. It was scheduled for November 30, but has been moved to Friday, December 1 at 10:00 AM.



### Book Club:

Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel.

### Coffee Hour:

Volunteers are always welcome! Please sign up in narthex.



### Contemporary Service Updates:



We're revamping the contemporary worship service! We're taking the rest of the year off from the contemporary services, but will bring it back at the beginning of the new year. Pastor Angie will be creating a new liturgy, while the music team will be welcoming a variety of new musicians into the mix. We'll be experimenting with music and the word and we invite you to give your feedback as we explore new ways to engage with a contemporary service!

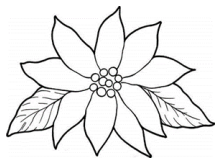
### Council Invitation:



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.

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

### **Saturday morning theology and text study:**

This will be a combined time of learning and discussion with members of the Penryn congregation. This will occur on the first Saturday of the month, rotating our meeting location and our topics of discussion. Join us at 9:00 AM on Saturday, December 2 at St. Paul in Penryn.

### **Yes, you can sing!**

Share your musical gifts with the congregation. Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday 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, 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 Leshar, 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 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.**

