

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Service of

Holy Communion

Baptism of Our Lord



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 to our online services:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran](https://www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran),

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 Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand          Linda and Emily Holt, flute duet

### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
creator of darkness and light, word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

**C: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our rock and refuge,

**C: we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.**

**We have wounded one another and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation.**

**Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** Baptized in Water WOV 693

**\*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:** Genesis 1:1-5

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 29**

Read responsively

**Ministry of Music:**

Choir: Borning Cry

Emily Holt, flute

**Second Reading:** Acts 19:1-7

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

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

**\*Gospel:** Mark 1:4-11

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Message**



**Hymn of the Day:** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LBW 90

**\*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: Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.

**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 leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and 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: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, 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:**

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

**\*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**



**L**amb 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.*

**\*Communion Blessing:**

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

C: Amen.

**\*Prayer after Communion:**

P: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.

Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.





## SENDING

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

**\*Blessing:**

P: God who names you,  
Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:** As With Gladness Men of Old      LBW 82

**\*Sending:**

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Just Around the Riverbend

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**Our worshiping community:**

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

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

**January Worship Assistant:** Donna Rhodes

**Today's Lay Reader:** Melissa Gettler      **Lay Reader for 1/14:** Richelle Deysher

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

Attendance 12/31 (combined svc):    In person: 71    Online: 66

The church office will not be open January 8-12.

The office will be open on Saturday, January 13.

Emails and phone messages will be monitored during the week.

Please contact a member of council for immediate assistance if needed.

## This week at St. Luke

### Sunday, January 7—Baptism of Our Lord

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

### Monday, January 8

7:00 PM Lions Meeting  
7:00 PM WELCA Meeting

### Tuesday, January 9

10:00 AM Band Together

### Wednesday, January 10

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

### Thursday, January 11

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

### Saturday, January 13

9:00 AM Council Retreat

### Next Sunday, January 14—Epiphany 2

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

### St. Luke Congregational Meetings:

Sunday, January 7 at 9:30  
Special Meeting for purpose of Council nominations  
and election of new council members.

Sunday, January 28 at 9:30: Annual Congregational Meeting

## 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 Griffie, Bill Gundrum, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, Earl Hehnlly, 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 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.

**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.**

