

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 to our online services:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran,

YouTube: 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.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share his peace with one another.

(Congregation may share the peace with a gesture)

C: Amen.

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***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

***Opening Hymn:** Lift High the Cross LBW 377

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

The scriptures are printed on the Celebrate insert

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Read responsively

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel:** John 3:14-21

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

Hymn of the Day: In the Cross of Christ I Glory LBW 104

***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

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: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** Beneath the Cross of Jesus LBW 107

***Sending:**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Our worshiping community:

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

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

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

Worship Asst today: Mike DeLong **Worship Asst next week:** Karen Stump

Lay Reader today: Richelle Deysher **Lay Reader next week:** Steffi Gettler

Attendance 3/3: In person: 39 Online: 55 Offering: \$3,985

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, March 10—Lent 4

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

Monday, March 11

7:00 PM WELCA

Tuesday, March 12

10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday, March 13

9:00-2:00 PM LWR Quilting
6:00/7:00 PM Midweek Meal/Service—St. Luke Lutheran
8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

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

Next Sunday, March 17—Lent 5

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

Wednesday Community Lenten Suppers (6PM) and Services (7PM)
March 13—St. Luke Lutheran
March 20—Trinity UMC (Kleinfeltersville)

Maundy Thursday—St. Paul, Penryn—7:00 PM
Good Friday Service—St. Paul's UCC—7:00 PM
Easter Dawn 7:00 AM Easter Holy Communion 8:00 AM

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, Dean Hettinger, Lilly Higgins & Family, Richard and Nancy Hollen, Christopher Johnson (D Hettinger), Landon Kreider, Richard Lesher, 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.

