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March 17, 2024

Service of

Holy Communion

Fifth Sunday in Lent



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: <u>www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran</u>, YouTube: <u>www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa</u>

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

Welcome and Announcements

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.

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.**

***Opening Hymn:** Go to Dark Gethsemane LBW 109

*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: Jeremiah 31:31-34 The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 51:1-12 Read responsively

Ministry of Music: Choir: Seed that in Earth is Dying

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10 The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the twelfth chapter. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel: John 12:20-33

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

Hymn of the Day: In the Hour of Trial

*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

*Offering Prayer:

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **C: Amen**

> MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ



*Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

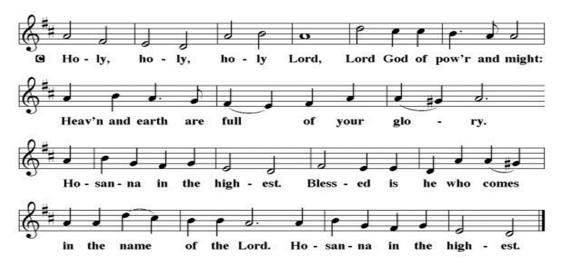
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

C: And also with you. C: We lift them to the Lord. *Sanctus (Holy, Holy Holy)



*Eucharistic Prayer:

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness

to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

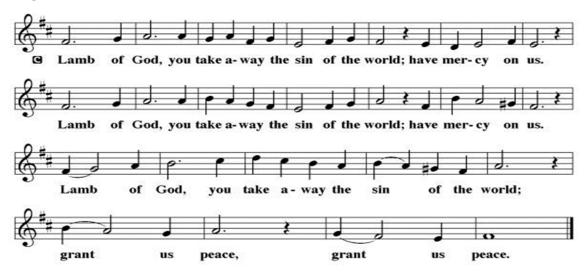
P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.Breathe new life into us.Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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 *Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)



*Invitation to Communion:

P: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

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: Embodied God,

at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C: 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: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded LBW 117

*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 Worship Assistant: Karen Stump Worship Assistant next week: Mike DeLong Today's Lay Reader: Steffi Gettler Lay Reader next week: Passion readers Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman Technical Assistant: Beverly Hoffman

Attendance 3/10: In person: 39 Online: 43 Offering: \$3,529



This week at St. Luke

| <u>Sunda</u> | ay, March 17—Lent 5 |
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| 8:30 AM | Service of Holy Communion |
| 9:30 AM | Sunday School (Children/Adults) |
| 5:30 PM-7:00 PM | Community Free Meal |
| <u>M</u> | londay, March 18 |
| 6:30 PM | Council Meeting |
| <u>Tu</u> | <mark>uesday, March 19</mark> |
| 10:00 AM | Band Together |
| <u>Wee</u> 6:00/7:00 PM 7:00 PM | <u>dnesday, March 20</u> Mid Week Supper/Service Trinity UMC—Kleinfeltersville Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday, March 2110:00 AMBand Together | |
| 11:30 AM-1:00 PM | Community Free Meal |
| 6:30 PM | Beer and Bible |
| 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 5:30 PM-7:00 PM | <u>arch 24—Passion/Palm Sunday</u> Service of the Word Coffee Hour/Parade Community Free Meal |

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday—March 28—7:00 PM Service at St. Paul Penryn Good Friday—March 29—7:00 PM Service at St. Paul UCC Easter Dawn — 7:00 AM in Cemetery Easter Holy Communion - 8:00 AM in Sanctuary

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, 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.



