

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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March 24, 2024
Sunday of the
Passion/Palm Sunday



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

Introduction: This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

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)

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

P: Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,

so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

✠ forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

LBW 108

***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**

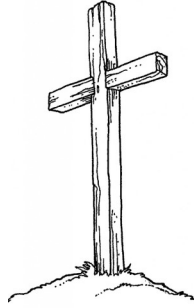
P: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

The Passion of our Lord
according to St. Mark



Hymn: There is a Green Hill Far Away

MEDITATION (GOWER), C. M. FIRST TUNE JOHN HENRY GOWER, 1855-1922

Simply

1. There is a green hill far a - way, With - out a cit - y wall,
2. We may not know, we can - not tell What pains he had to bear,

Where the dear Lord was cru - ci - fied, Who died to save us all.
But we be - lieve it was for us He hung and suf - fered there.

- 3 He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good;
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious Blood.
- 4 There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.
- 5 O dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming Blood,
And try his works to do.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1823-95

***Apostles' Creed:**

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

(after each petition, respond with "Receive our prayer")

***Lord's Prayer**

P: God, remember us in your love, 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.

The Stripping of the Altar

Psalm 88

All depart in Silence.

Palm Sunday parade will arrive at St. Luke by approx. 9:30.

Our worshipping community:

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

Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong

Next Sunday's Lay Reader: Donna Moyer

Next Sunday's Worship Assistant:

Mike DeLong & Karen Stump

Live Streaming: William Hoffman/Beverly Hoffman

Ministers: The people of St. Luke Church

Passion Readers:

Narrator: Linda Hollinger

Jesus: William Hoffman

Judas: Mike DeLong

Peter: Dave Deysner

High Priest: Sue DeLong

Pilate: Donna Moyer

Servant/witness: Phyllis Bakke

*The altar flowers are presented by Diane Kurtz,
in memory of her best friend, Dottie Zartman*

Holy Week and Easter Day Services:

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion—7:00 PM

1258 Newport Road, Penryn

Combined Service of both St. Luke and St. Paul

Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 AM Sunrise Service in the Cemetery

Light breakfast in between services

8:00 AM Holy Communion in Sanctuary



This week at St. Luke

Sunday, March 24—Palm/Passion Sunday

8:30 AM Service of the Word
9:15 AM Palm Sunday Parade
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

Tuesday, March 26

10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 28

10:00 AM Band Together
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Community Free Meal
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service at St. Paul Penryn

Friday, March 29

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross at St. Paul UCC

Next Sunday, March 31—Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 AM Sunrise Service in the Cemetery
8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion
9:30 AM Coffee Hour
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)

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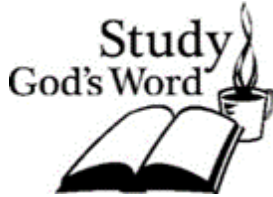
Last Week—March 17

Attendance: In-person: 40 Online: 45 Offering: \$1,971.25



NEWS IN OUR PEWS

Beer & Bible: A Thursday evening monthly meeting at the Franklin House for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Next date is April 18 at 6:30 PM.



Bible Study—Thursday (or Friday) morning ZOOM:

Join Pastor Angie online to 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. Next date is Friday, March 29 at 10:00 AM.

Book Club: The Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, April 11th at 7:00pm in the Chapel. We will be *discussing The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg. All are invited to attend and enjoy the book discussion.



Coffee Hour: Volunteers welcomed! Please sign up in narthex.





Constitution Review: It's time for a review of our congregational constitution. Pastor Angie plans to begin the review process this summer. We are looking for 3-4 people who are detail oriented to assist with the review process. This work is tedious, not particularly fun, but it is necessary and important. Pastor Angie will do her best to make this work as fun as possible! Please see Pastor Angie or a council member if you feel called to serve in this capacity.



Live Streaming: There will be no livestream option available on Sunday, April 7.

Ministry Emphasis for March: World Missions and WELCA (Quilts – see National Quilting Day)



National QUILTING Day

National Quilting Day: March 16th was National Quilting Day. The quilters at St. Luke make between 70 and 100 quilts every year for Lutheran World Relief. Unfortunately, batting prices are going up and one roll of batting is over \$100. During the upcoming month of March, donations for batting will be collected. If you are interested in donating, please make your checks out to St. Luke Women of the ELCA.

Church Clean Up

Outside Clean up day: Please join us on Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 AM. A pizza lunch will be provided at 1:00 PM. Help is needed for trimming, mulching, etc. Please bring gloves and any tools or other items that might be of help. Questions contact Mike Reber. Rain date Saturday, April 13th. There will also be a spring-cleaning day for the inside of the buildings on April 27th.



Share your musical gifts!

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, Bill Gundrum, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, 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, 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.

