

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Resurrection of
Our Lord

Service of
Holy Communion



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

Prelude

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

holy and merciful,

holy and mighty,

you are the river of life,

you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,

quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
C: Amen.

***Opening Hymn: Christ is Risen! Alleluia! LBW 131**

***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

Please see Celebrate insert

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Read responsively

Ministry of Music: Sr. Choir: And Are We Yet Alive

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark,

the sixteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Mark 16:1-8**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

Hymn of the Day: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LBW 143

***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 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)

***Offering Prayer:**

P: Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.

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 for Easter:**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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: 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.

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: 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**

*** Invitation to Communion**

P: This is Christ's table, and he is the host of this meal.

So come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come! Christ promises to meet us here.

*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)



☐ 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; 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: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

*Blessing:

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today LBW 151

*Sending:

P: Christ has risen! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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*The altar flowers are presented by Anna Mae Grubb
to wish everyone a blessed Easter.*

Our worshipping community:

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

Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong and Karen Stump

Lay Reader: Donna Moyer

Next Sunday's Lay Reader: Elaine Matternas

Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman

Technical Assistant: Beverly Hoffman

Ministers: The people of St. Luke Church

Our attendance and offering—March 24

Attendance: In-person: 35 Online: 58 Offering: \$1,071

Thank you to our Easter Lily Sponsors

Given by Dave and Richelle Deysher

In memory of Paul & Myrtle Deysher and
Richard & Rose Difrancesco

Given by Anna Mae Grubb

In memory of Louisa Bennetch

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in memory of loved ones

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In memory of loved ones

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In honor of sisters Jackie and Ruth Ann

Given by Ed and Joan Miller

In memory of Thelma & Harold Nolt and
in honor of Ira & Verna Miller

Given by Donna Moyer

In memory of Scott Moyer

Given by Betsy Nolt

In memory of Margaret Mick Zimmerman

Given by Mike and Sharon Reber:

In memory of their parents

Given by Jake and Judy Werner

In memory of Carol Werner and Gene Keppley

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, March 31—Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 AM Easter Dawn Service (Cemetery)
(light breakfast between services)
8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

Monday, April 1

7:00 PM Lions Meeting

Tuesday, April 2

10:00 AM Band Together
11:00 AM Worship and Music Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4

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

Friday, April 5

3:00-6:00 PM TEFAP

Saturday, April 6

9:00 AM Bible Study at St. Paul, Penryn
9:00-1:00 PM Outside Clean Up Day

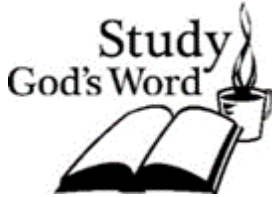
Next Sunday, April 7—Easter 2

8:30 AM Service of Holy Communion
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. 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.

