



# St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Service of  
Holy Communion  
Second Sunday of Easter



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

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you can find current events and links to our online worship services.

Direct access to our online services:

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

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## 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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C. Amen.**

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P. Gracious God,

**C. have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

P. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Opening Hymn: The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done**

**LBW 135**

**\*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: Acts 4:32-35**

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 133** Read responsively

**Ministry of Music:** Choir: Lord of Glory

**Second Reading: 1 John 1:1—2:2**

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

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

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

**\*Gospel:**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Message**

**Hymn of the Day:** O Sons and Daughters of the King LBW 139

**\*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: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**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.

The image shows a musical score for the Sanctus. It consists of four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The music is a simple melody with lyrics: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:'. The second staff continues: 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.'. The third staff: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff: 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

**\*Eucharistic Prayer:**

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the  
promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

## SENDING

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

**\*Blessing:**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia LBW 130

**\*Sending:**

P: Christ has risen! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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**Our worshipping community:**

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

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

**Worship Assistant:** Jake Werner

**Worship Assistant next week:** Karen Stump

**Today's Lay Reader:** Elaine Matternas **Lay Reader next week:** Richelle Deysher

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

**Attendance 3/31:**

7AM	In person: 20	Online: 12	
8AM	In person: 53	Online: 50	Offering: \$3,382

## This week and beyond at St. Luke

### Sunday, April 7—Easter 2

8:30 AM Service of Holy Communion  
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children –no Adult SS today)  
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

### Monday, April 8

7:00 PM WELCA

### Tuesday, April 9

10:00 AM Band Together

### Thursday, April 11

10:00 AM Band Together  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Community Free Meal  
7:00 PM Book Club

### Next Sunday, April 14—Easter 3

8:30 AM Service of the Word  
9:30 AM Coffee Hour  
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

### Monday, April 15

6:30 PM Council Meeting

### Tuesday, April 16

10:00 AM Band Together

### Wednesday, April 17

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (no rehearsal 4/10)

### Thursday, April 18

10:00 AM Band Together  
10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Community Free Meal  
6:30 PM Beer and Bible

## *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 Deysler, 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 Deysler, 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.**

