

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday of Easter

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](https://www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran),

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa](https://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.*

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:** We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight      WOV 675

**\*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 3:12-19

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

**Psalm 4**              Read responsively

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:1-7

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

**\*Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## The Message

Hymn of the Day: Amazing Grace

LBW 448

**\*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:** Alleluia, Song of Gladness WOV 654

### \*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:** Karen Stump      **Worship Asst next week:** Sarah Kneller

**Lay Reader today:** Richelle Deysher      **Lay Reader next week:** Faith Thunberg

Attendance 4/7:      In person: 37      Online: n/a      Offering: \$1,525

**This week and beyond at St. Luke**

**Sunday, April 14 - Easter 3**

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, April 15**

6:30 PM Council Meeting

**Tuesday, April 16**

10:00 AM Band Together

**Wednesday, April 17**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

**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

**Next Sunday, April 21—Easter 4**

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

Alternate office hours this week:  
Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 9:00-4:00

**Summer Newsletter**

Newsletter for May-August is getting published soon.  
All submissions must be sent to the office by Thursday, April 18.

## NEWS IN OUR PEWS

### The Backyard at St. Paul in Penryn: Upcoming Events

The Backyard ministry is a way in which we can gather safely as a community. Our events are all family friendly, dog friendly, and welcoming to all. Donations of food and all money that is collected at events is fully donated to support our food ministry program.

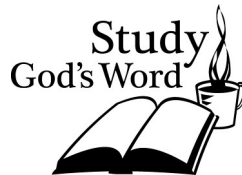
**April 27** – Food Truck Event

**May 18** – Cornhole Tournament (benefits the Penryn Food Pantry and the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA)

**June 22** – Open Mic Night



**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 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 April 18.

**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.



**Godspeed to Pastor Emmanuel:** Please plan to join us for worship on Sunday, May 5. After a year of continuing education at Gettysburg Seminary, Pastor Emmanuel will be going back to his home in the Konde Diocese.

*Farewell*

**Inside Clean up day:** Please join us on Saturday, April 27 at 9:00 AM. A pizza lunch will be provided at 1:00 PM. Help is needed cleaning the inside of the buildings. Questions contact Mike Reber.



**Ministry Emphasis for April:** Lutheran Camping Corporation and Tanzania





**Share your musical gifts!** Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday at 7:00 PM.  
Contact Linda Holt for more information.



**Summer worship:** 95% of the Penryn congregation responded to sharing Sunday morning worship with St. Luke, while St. Luke responded with 99% in favor. Our summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, June 2.



**Volunteers Needed for Food Ministries:** With the growing relationship between St Luke and St. Paul in Penryn, we are able to combine our food ministries to help support people in more ways. The Penryn food pantry is often left with extra produce at the food pantry. We would like to establish a volunteer schedule to transport the extra produce from the Penryn food pantry to St Luke to share with the people who come to the community meals on Sunday evenings and Thursday afternoons. We will be planning on alternating the produce transportation between Penryn and St Luke on a monthly basis. Volunteers would simply pick the produce up at St. Paul on Sunday and deliver it to St Luke. There will be people at St. Paul who are able to help volunteers load produce into their cars, if needed, as well as unload at St Luke.

The other volunteer opportunity that we have is a volunteer coordinator who will schedule the volunteers for St Luke's on the St Luke months. We ask that you prayerfully consider if one of these important volunteer opportunities might be a good fit for you to become involved in these food ministries that are truly God's work





## **The season of Eastertide**

Eastertide or (Paschal time) lasts for 50 days.  
It goes from Resurrection Sunday until the Day of Pentecost.  
It is the longest liturgical season.



## *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.**

