

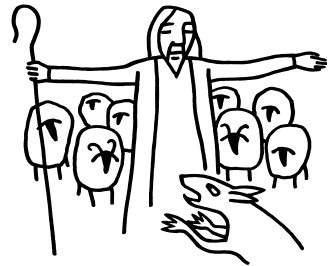
# St. Luke Lutheran Church

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April 21, 2024

Service of  
Holy Communion  
Fourth 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

On our website ([stlukelutheran.org](http://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

**Prelude:** O God Beyond All Praising                      Holt Sisters - flute and piano

### 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:** All Earth is Hopeful

WOV 629

**\*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 4:5-12  
The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 23** Read responsively

**Ministry of Music:** Choir: Yes, My Jesus Loves Me

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3:16-24  
The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

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

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

**\*Gospel:** John 10:11-18

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Message**

**Hymn of the Day:** Have No Fear, Little Flock LBW 476



**\*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.

\*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.*

**Music during the Distribution:** Lamb of God                  Holt Sisters - flute and piano

**\*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 128

### \*Sending:

P: Christ has risen! Alleluia!

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 Assistants:** Nicholas Kneller, Samuel Kneller, Steffi Gettler

**Worship Assistant next week:** Mike DeLong

**Today's Lay Reader:** Faith Thunberg    **Lay Reader next week:** Sue DeLong

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

Attendance 4/14: In person: 38    Online: 46

Offering: \$2,041



## This week and beyond at St. Luke

### 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

### Tuesday, April 23

10:00 AM Band Together  
11:00 AM Newsletter Collating

### Thursday, April 25

10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study (rescheduled from 4/18)  
10:00 AM Band Together  
11:30 AM Bands Anniversary Lunch at Franklin House  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Community Free Meal  
6:30 PM Beer and Bible (rescheduled from 4/18)

### Saturday, April 27

9:00 AM Inside clean-up day (St. Luke)  
9:00-3:00 PM Clean up day at St. Paul in Penryn (food trucks)

### Next Sunday, April 28—Easter 5

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

### Tuesday, April 30

10:00 AM Band Together

### Wednesday, May 1

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 2

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

### Friday, May 3

3:00-6:00 PM TEFAP

## NEWS IN OUR PEWS

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

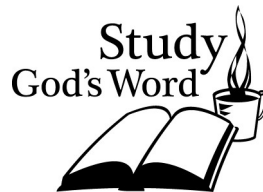


The Backyard ministry is a way in which we can gather safely as a community. Our events are all family friendly, dog friendly, and welcoming to all. Donations of food and all money that is collected at events is fully donated to support our food ministry program.

**April 27** – Food Truck Event and clean up day

**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 25 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 25.

**Coffee Hour:** Volunteers welcomed, please sign up in narthex.



Church  
Constitution  
& Bylaws



**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.



**Geraniums for Pentecost (May 19):** Envelopes are available on the counter or in the narthex. Orders are due by Sunday, May 5. Plants are \$7 each.

**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.

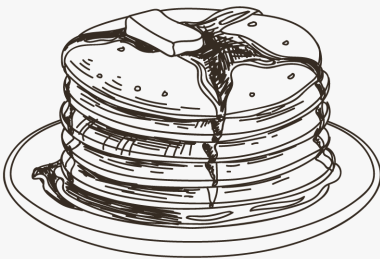


**Inside Clean up day:** Please join us on Saturday, April 27 at 9:00 AM. A pizza lunch will be provided at 1:00 PM. Help is needed cleaning the inside of the buildings. Questions contact Mike Reber.

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



**Mother and Child Breakfast Buffet:** Saturday, May 11 at 9:30 AM at the Country Fare Restaurant. Please join us for fun, fellowship, games, and door prizes. This is an all-you-can-eat buffet sponsored by St. Luke Women of the ELCA. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Adults \$12.50 (Gratuity is included), Children (4-12) \$8.00, Children 3 and under are free. Menu is Fresh Fruit Cup, Scrambled Eggs, English Muffins, Home Fried Potatoes, Pancakes, Assorted Breakfast Pastries, Bacon, Sausage, Coffee, Hot Tea, Water, and O.J. Deadline to purchase tickets is



May 5th. Contact Faith Thunberg at 717-949-2869 or 717-202-9860 to purchase tickets or put your name on the sign-up in the chapel.



### 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

## *Good Shepherd Sunday*

Today is the fourth Sunday of Easter and has been known as Good Shepherd Sunday because of the lectionary readings.

Today the Gospel readings shift from Jesus' post-resurrection appearances to the upcoming Ascension and gifts of the Holy Spirit as we move toward Pentecost.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and the guardian of the sheepfold.



## *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.**

