

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

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April 28, 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Service of  
Word and Music



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

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa](http://www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa)

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together into a community of prayer.

### 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)*

*Be Welcome...  
and Worship  
with Us!*

**Prelude:** Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone

#### \*Call to Worship

P: Christ, you are the vine and we are your branches.

**C: Our life flows from you, and we give you thanks.**

P: You are the vine and we are your branches.

**C: Your love flows through us, and we praise you.**

P: You are the vine and we are your branches.

**C: We are one in you, and as one we worship you.**

#### \*Confession and Forgiveness:

P: The grace and love of God be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another.

*Silence for reflection*

P: God of life;

C: you are the vine, and we are your branches.

But we confess that we have tried to live separate from you.

We have not rooted ourselves in you, or opened ourselves to your life and your spirit and your power flowing through us, your love and your beauty blossoming in us.

Our lives become dry and fruitless.

God of life, we desire to be rooted in you, joined to you, part of you.

Return us; forgive us, fill us again with your life.

Amen.

P: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen

**\*Gathering Hymn:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

LBW 551

**\*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 8:26-40

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 22:25-31** Read responsively

**Second Reading:** 1 John 4:7-21

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

**\*Gospel:** John 15:1-8

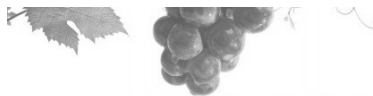
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Message**

**\*Hymn of the Day:** Take My Life, that I May Be

LBW 406



**I AM THE VINE,**  
you are the branches

**\*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, in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen**

## SENDING

God blesses us and us in mission to the world.

P: Gracious God, we thank you for the mystery that you give yourself to us. We are one in your spirit, and one in service to the world. May your grace flow through us that we may bear the fruit of your love in this world, for the sake of the coming of your kingdom, in the name of Christ.

**\*Blessing:**

P: God all mighty, God most merciful bless us, keep us, and give us peace.

C: Amen.

**\*Sending Song:** Let All Things Now Living                      LBW 557

**Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

**Postlude:** Pass it On

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*The altar flowers are presented by George and Delores Leshner  
in honor of their 61st anniversary.*

Church office hours this week:

Monday 8:30-3:00 PM

Tuesday 8:30-4:30 PM

Thursday 11:45-4:30 PM

**Our Worshipping Community:**

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

**Cont. Worship Team:** Linda Holt, Todd Snyder, Sarah Kneller

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

**Worship Assistant:** Mike DeLong    **Worship Assistant next week:** Karen Stump

**Today's Lay Reader:** Sue DeLong    **Lay Reader next week:** Dolly Fasnacht

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

Attendance—4/21    In person: 44    Online: 49    Offering: \$1,269

**This week at St. Luke**

**Sunday, April 28—Easter 5**

8:30 AM                      Service of Word and Music  
9:30 AM                      Sunday School (Children)  
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

**Saturday, May 4**

9:00 AM                     Saturday Morning Bible Study at St. Luke

**Sunday, May 5—Easter 6**

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

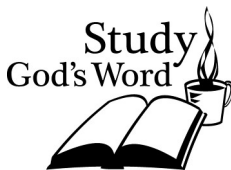
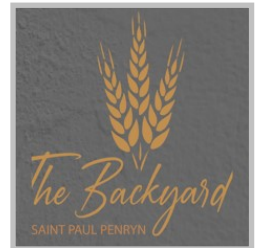
### The Backyard at St. Paul in Penryn (1258 Newport Road): Upcoming Events



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.

**May 18** – Cornhole Tournament (see below)    **June 22** – Open Mic Night

Cornhole Tournament (benefits the Penryn Food Pantry and the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA) Saturday, May 18 at 4:00 PM. \$30 registration fee per team—call 717-665-6093 or email [stpaulpen@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulpen@gmail.com) to register. Food truck and beer—dogs welcome.



**Study  
God's Word**

**Beer & Bible:**

A Thursday evening monthly meeting at the Franklin House for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Upcoming dates: 5/23, 6/13, 7/11, 8/15.

### **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. Upcoming dates: 5/9, 5/24, 6/6, 6/27, 7/11, 8/22.

**Book Club:** The next meeting is on Thursday, June 13th at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. We will be discussing *The Echo of Old Books: A Novel*, by Barbara Davis. All are welcome to come and join the discussion.



**Coffee Hour:** Volunteers are always welcome! 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.



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



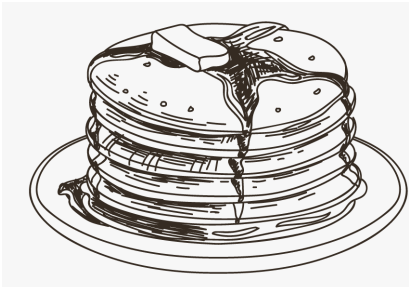
*Farewell*

**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.

**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 Music at St. Luke:** While the choir is on summer break; if you have a musical talent that you would like to share at the services held at St. Luke, please contact Betsy Nolt. Let everything that hath breath—praise the Lord!



**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 with a 9:00 AM at St. Luke.

**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.



## *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.**

