

# **St. Luke Lutheran Church**

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October 6, 2024

Service of Holy Communion

20th Sunday after Pentecost





### 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

#### Confession and Forgiveness:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**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: Most Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.  
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.

**C: Amen.**

## Opening Hymn: God When Human Bonds are Broken WOV 735

### **\*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

### **Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

As we dedicate these beautiful quilts, and all that the people of this congregation do to benefit and comfort our neighbors, we pray to our Father in Heaven. Merciful and loving Father,

**C: You have so richly blessed us, but we pray for more, much more.**

We pray for grateful hearts, for a humble awareness of our abundance amid all the world's poverty and pain.

**C: Yes Father, we pray for more.**

We pray for the courage to give generously of our resources - our imaginations, our time and abilities, our material wealth.

**C: We pray yet for more, Father.**

We pray for the strength to reject the rationalizations which lead to indifference and silence in our cultural climate of top-down greed, entitlement, and insatiable desire.

**C: Father, for much more we pray.**

We pray for your promised forgiveness for the fears, the selfishness, the thoughtlessness, the suspicions, the self-righteousness which hinder our loving service, and we pray for gratefulness and greater obedience to mark our thanksgiving.

**C: For still more, generous Father, we pray.**

We pray for lifestyles of justice, mercy, mindfulness, and compassion; living more simply, being advocates for the poor and oppressed, supporting the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Habitat for Humanity, and Domestic Violence Intervention, The Emergency Food Assistance Program, Noon and Evening Free Meals, and Warmth for Winter.

**C: Yes Father, yet again we pray for more.**

We pray for confident hope in the presence of such overwhelming needs, to know that raising our voices for awareness and support, and each offering of money, quilts, pillows, blankets, food, and other material resources makes a welcome difference to others, and to you.

**C: For one more thing, Father, we pray.**

We pray you would bless those who labor on behalf of the least of Jesus' family through all the work of our medical professionals, Lutheran World Relief, especially those assisting with Hurricane Helene. We pray for our local partner the Lebanon County Christian Ministry, that we would uphold them with our prayers, our encouragement, our gifts, and our willingness to learn and to invite the support of others. May these workers in your kingdom feel your presence and your and our love.

**C: All this we pray, gracious Father, in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus, as your Holy Spirit continually encourages us to approach your throne of grace with confidence and ask boldly for the needs of others and ourselves. Amen.**

<p><b>WORD</b></p> <p>God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song</p>
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Please see Celebrate insert

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:18-24

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 8**      Read responsively

**Ministry of Music:** Choir: O God of Truth and Justice

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

**\*Gospel:** Mark: 10:2-16

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Message**

**Hymn of the Day:** Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

WOV 734

**\*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)*

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

**\*Offering Prayer:**

P: Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 Pentecost:**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosana in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosana in the highest.

### **\*Eucharistic Prayer:**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and  
ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: God, 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: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come and be fed.

### **\*Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away 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: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**\*Blessing:**

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

**C: Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:** Once He Came in Blessing

LBW 312

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**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 Assistant:** Jake Werner

**Worship Assistant next week:** Karen Stump

**Today's Lay Reader:** Steffi Gettler

**Lay Reader next week:** Sue DeLong

**Live Streaming Technician:** William Hoffman

**Technical Assistant:** Beverly Hoffman

Attendance/Offering 9/22:

In person: 32   Online Plays: 133   Offering: \$530

October is

**Pastor Appreciation**  
Month



*Thank you*  
*Pastor Hammer!*

## **This week at St. Luke**

### **Sunday, October 6—Pentecost 20**

8:30 AM Holy Communion  
Quilt Dedication/Ingathering  
9:30 AM Coffee Hour  
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children/Adults)  
5:30 PM-6:30 PM Community Free Meal

### **Monday, October 7**

7:00 PM Lions Meeting

### **Tuesday, October 8**

10:00 AM Band Together

### **Wednesday, October 9**

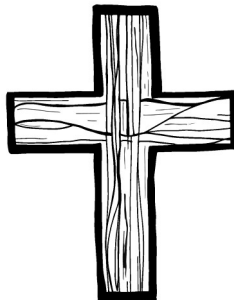
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, October 10**

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

### **Next Sunday, October 13—Pentecost 21**

8:30 AM Holy Communion  
9:30 AM Coffee Hour  
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)  
5:30 PM-6:30 PM Community Free Meal

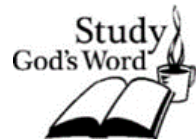


## NEWS IN OUR PEWS



Annual Fall Fest at Penryn: Saturday, October 26; 4:00-7:00 PM. This is a family friendly event will feature pumpkin decorating, tractor rides, Halloween costume contest, trick or treating, lawn games and more!

Beer & Bible: A Thursday evening monthly meeting at the Blue Bird Inn for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Next date is October 17 at 6:30PM.



Bible Study—Thursday morning ZOOM:

Join Pastor Angie online on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM to explore 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. Upcoming dates are October 10-Mark 10:17-31 and October 24 - Mark 10:46-52

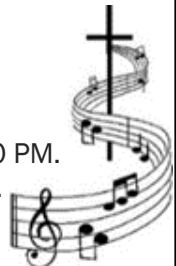
Book Club invitation: Book Club will be meeting on



Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. We will be discussing The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon. All are invited to attend. Please contact Richelle Deysher with any questions.

Choir Rehearsals – come share your musical gifts!

Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday at 7:00 PM.  
Contact Linda Holt for more information.



Cornhole Tournament: Saturday, October 12—4:00 PM— Join us for an evening of cornhole for a cause! \$30 per team, double elimination. Beer and soft pretzels will be available by donation. Put a team together and enjoy a fun evening of friendly competition and fellowship. Kids and dogs are welcome. All proceeds benefit the Iwambi orphanage in the Konde Diocese. To register, call or email the St. Paul church office at 717-665-6093; [stpaulpen@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulpen@gmail.com).



Ingathering for World Relief: Volunteer help would be appreciated on the following dates:

Today— help carry quilts from church to chapel;

Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 11AM - pack the quilts into boxes at the chapel;

Friday, Oct. 11th, 12:00 to 2 PM - load boxes from St. Luke, Salem Lutheran, and St. Mark into the truck. Meet at the St. Luke chapel at noon.

Saturday, Oct. 12th, 7:15 AM-10 AM - Load boxes from our truck to the large truck at Bergstrasse Lutheran in Ephrata. Meet at Chapel at 7:15 AM.

Ministry Emphasis for October:

Lutheran World Relief



Pastor away: Pastor Angie will be away October 14-17 for a continuing education event in Pittsburg. Please call the church office for any pastoral emergencies.

Women of the ELCA: Meetings are on the second Monday of every month (excluding summer months). The meeting time is 7:00 PM in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Worshiping Together:

St. Luke and St. Paul will worship together on October 27 8:30 AM at St. Luke.

## *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, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, Dean Hettinger, Lilly Higgins & Family, Richard and Nancy Hollen, Christopher Johnson (D Hettinger), Landon Kreider, Richard Leshner, 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, 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**

