# St. Luke Lutheran Church

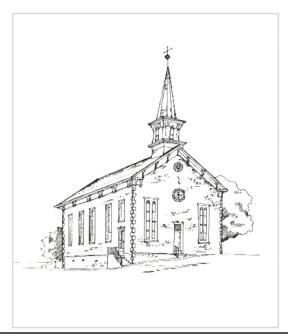
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November 3, 2024

All Saints Sunday

Service of Holy Communion





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:

On our website (stlukelutheran.org) you can find current events and links to our online worship services.

Direct access to our online services: Facebook: <a href="mailto:www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran">www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran</a>, YouTube: <a href="mailto:www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa">www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa</a>

#### **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,  $\maltese$  one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

### Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.
Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.
C: Amen.

\*Opening Hymn: For All Your Saints, O Lord LBW 176

## \*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

\*Hymn For All the Saints (v. 1-2) LBW 174

#### \*Litany of the Saints

P: O God our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your Word throughout the centuries into our time and place.

C: We praise you with thanksgiving for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints, who have been chosen vessels of your grace, and the lights of the world in their times.

P: For Abraham and Sarah; Isaac and Rebecca; Jacob and Leah; Moses and Aaron; Miriam and Joshua; Deborah and Gideon; Samuel with Hannah his mother; for all matriarchs and patriarchs; and for Isaiah and all the prophets.

C: May we have the grace to follow their example.

P: For Simeon and Anna; for Eunice, and Lois; for Onesimus and Philemon; for Perpetua and Felicity.

C: May we have the grace to follow their example.

P: For Aquinas and Augustine; Luther and Muhlenberg, Bach and Gershwin, Albert Schweitzer and Jean Vanier; Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Mother Teresa.

C: May we have the grace to follow their example.

P: O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved you and served you on earth in the church militant within this congregation and your kingdom on earth, who have died in this past year, and now rest from their labors in your promised dwelling place with the church triumphant:

\*Glenda Galebach
Anna Mae Garman
Bill Gundrum
Earl Hehnly
Delores Lesher
George Smith
\*Gordon Toburen
Paul Walker
(\*Member of St. Paul, Penryn)

\*Hymn (cont) For All the Saints (v. 7-8) LBW 174

#### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

Please see Celebrate insert

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 24 Read responsively

Ministry of Music: Choir: I'm Going on a Journey

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 11th the chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

\*Gospel: John 11:32-44

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### The Message

\*Hymn of the Day: Rise, O Children of Salvation LBW 182

#### \*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

Be Welcome...

and Worship

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## \*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)

### \*Offering Prayer:

P: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

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 All Saints:

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.

By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, 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. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

### \*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.

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.** 

### \*Lord's Prayer

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: 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 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: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C: Amen.

#### SENDING

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

#### \*Blessing:

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C: Amen.

\*Closing Hymn: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones LBW 175

#### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

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: Sue DeLong Lay Reader next week: Missy Gettler Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman Technical Assistant: Beverly Hoffman

Attendance/Offering 10/27:

In person: 53 Online Plays: 137 Offering: \$1,760

The altar flowers are given in memory of all the saints, past and present.



#### This week at St. Luke

Sunday, November 3-All Saints Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School

(Adults/Children)

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Community Free Meal

Monday, November 4

7:00 PM Lions Meeting

Tuesday, November 5

10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday, November 6

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7

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

Next Sunday, November 10-Pentecost 24

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



The oldest member of our congregation, Grace Sherk, will turn 104 on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Grace lives in a retirement community in California to be close to her daughter, Janice Klick and family. She enjoys receiving mail, so let's shower her with cards on this milestone birthday.

Her address is 5480 Marengo Ave, G263, La Mesa CA 91942.

## **NEWS IN OUR PEWS**

<u>Band Together:</u> meetings Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00-11:00 AM in the Chapel. Contact Sue DeLong for additional information.

<u>Beer & Bible:</u> A Thursday evening monthly meeting for dinner, drinks, and conversation. The location of the next meeting on November 14 will be announced.



<u>Bible Study—Thursday morning ZOOM</u>: 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. Next dates: November 7 and 21.

<u>Choir Rehearsals – come share your musical gifts!</u>
Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday at 7:00 PM.
Contact Linda Holt for more information.



<u>Coffee Hour:</u> Join us on the Second and Fourth Sundays following worship. Volunteers are invited to sign up in the narthex.



Council Invitation: For the upcoming year, new members are needed. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. Being on Church Council is a great way to share some love, faith, and perspective to help the church grow in its ministry and service toward the community and each other. Please prayerfully consider serving on the church council. See a council member for information.



Ministry Emphasis for November: Lebanon County Food Bank



Thank-Offering: We will celebrate Thank-Offering Sunday on November 24. Please bring in your non-perishable donations the entire month of November.



<u>Women of the ELCA:</u> 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!



## Prayers for:

Those who are ill, recovering, or shut-in, especially:

John Adams, Marilyn Adams, Claudia Addison, Bonnie Boyer, 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 Lesher, 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: 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

