

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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November 10, 2024

Service of Holy Communion

Twenty-Fifth 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)
you can find current events and links to our online worship services.

Direct access to our online services:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran,

YouTube: 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: Take My Life That I May Be LBW 406

***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

<p>WORD</p>

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

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 146 Read responsively

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel:** Mark 12:38-44

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

Hymn of the Day: We Give Thee But Thine Own LBW 410

***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
with Us!*

***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: 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.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

***Prayer for our Veterans, those Serving, and the Nation**

P: Let us pray for all veterans of war. O Lord, today we thank you for our veterans, for their willingness to risk all so that our nation might dwell in peace and safety. May our veterans find the honor and recognition they truly deserve. We pray that you will heal the physical, spiritual, and psychological wounds some of our veterans have suffered. Bring a lasting peace to those who mourn the loss of comrades. Help them to trust in your love and mercy, so that they may cope with the actions they may have had to take while they served our country. Help them realize that the rules of engagement in war do not always follow the laws of Christianity but give them solace by your scripture passages that show them that there are times during which, after every effort for a non-violent resolution fails, battle may be necessary for the common good. Clinging to the cross of Christ we cry out,

C: hear us Lord.

P: Let us pray for those preparing for or actively serving in war zones. You are our rock, our fortress, and our shield, and those at war need you to be all these things and more. They don't have to be in the heat of battle to be in danger; the world is a dangerous place wherever they are. Help them turn to you as their refuge and strength – always ready to help in times of trouble. Go before them and protect them from behind. Be their shade from the heat, their shelter from the storm, their hiding place. Watch over them, for you never sleep. Their lives are in your hands; may they trust in you and not be afraid.

Clinging to the cross of Christ we cry out,

C: hear us Lord.

Let us pray for our country. Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people. Give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land, and the world around us. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Prince of Peace, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, both now and forever.

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:** For the Fruit of All Creation WOV 760

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: Karen Stump

Worship Assistant next week: Mike DeLong

Today's Lay Reader: Missy Gettler

Lay Reader next week: Faith Thunberg

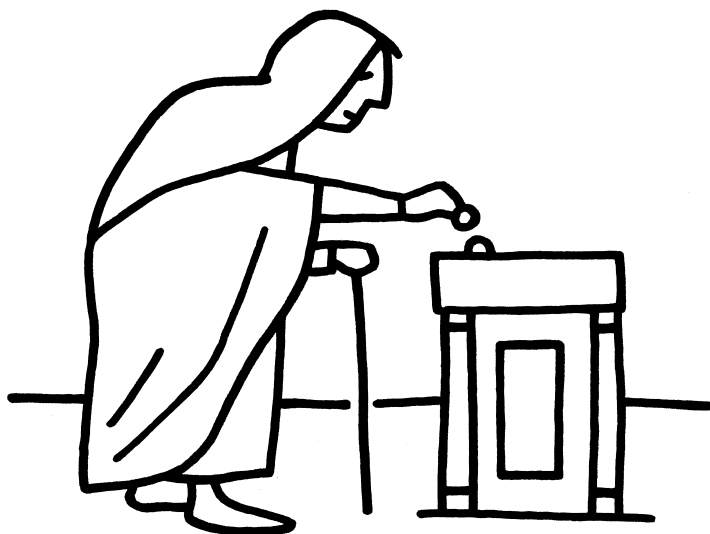
Seminarian Field Student: Wendy Harrison

Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman

Technical Assistant: Beverly Hoffman

Attendance/Offering 11/3:

In person: 45 Online Plays: 78 Offering: \$3,146



This week at St. Luke

Sunday, November 10—Pentecost 25

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

Monday, November 11

7:00 PM	WELCA
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Tuesday, November 12

10:00 AM	Band Together
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Wednesday, November 13

7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
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Thursday, November 14

10:00 AM	Band Together
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Community Free Meal
6:30 PM	Beer and Bible

Next Sunday, November 17—Pentecost 26

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

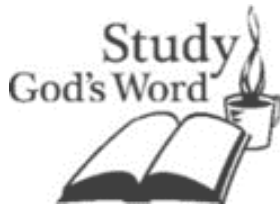
The altar flowers are given to honor all Veterans

The oldest member of our congregation, Grace Sherk, will turn 104 on November 16th. 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

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

Beer & Bible: A Thursday evening monthly meeting for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Join us on Thursday, November 14 at 6:30PM. Location will be announced.



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. Next date is November 21.



Book Club invitation: Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. We will be discussing *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. 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.



Coffee Hour: 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



Poinsettia Orders: Envelopes are in the narthex. All orders must be submitted by next Sunday November 17. This is a florist deadline.



Thank-Offering:

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



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!



Pastor on Vacation: Pastor Angie will be taking November 17 off. Seminarian Wendy Harrison will lead worship and preach. There will be NO communion that Sunday.

Worshiping Together:

St. Luke and St. Paul will worship together on November 24, 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: 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

