

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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November 17, 2024

Service of the Word and Prayer

Twenty-sixth 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

***Call to Worship**

L: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

L: “Come away,” Jesus said, “to a quiet place by yourselves, and rest a while.”

C: Jesus, we come to this quiet place to be with you.

L: Give us rest. Surround us with the peace in your heart.

C: Nourish our souls with the bread of your presence.

L: The needs of the world will come begging soon enough.

C: In this time and space, we are here. We are yours.

Accompany us as we worship.

Confession:

L: The grace of God is with you.

C: And also with you.

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

C: Gentle God, we have not always been present; caught up in many things, we have neglected the One Thing. We confess: renouncing all pretending, letting go of all fear, we bring ourselves to be with you, in simplicity, in honesty, in silence. Receive us as we are. In your presence and your grace, we are willing to become again the souls you create us to be.

Amen.

L: Gentle God, you draw us into the stillness of your presence. You breathe your breath in us, and we become more deeply aware. We come into the quiet place in your heart. Speak your Word to us, even if it is silence, and we will listen, even if we do not understand. Our hearts are open. Come, Spirit of Truth, and be with us.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: Lord Speak to Us That We May Speak
LBW 403

***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: Daniel 12:1-3

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 16 Read responsively

Ministry of Music: Choir: Many Gifts, One Spirit

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18], 19-25

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Mark 13:1-8**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

Seminarian, Wendy Harrison

Hymn of the Day: Lord, You Give the Great Commission

WOV 756

***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)

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**

SENDING

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

***Sending Prayer**

L: Christ is our peace. In Christ God has made us into one flesh. and has broken down every dividing wall between us.

C: **In Christ God has created one new humanity, making peace,
and reconciling all to God in one body through the cross, thus
putting to death all hostility through it.**

L: Jesus came and proclaimed peace to those who were far off and peace to those who were near. In Christ all of us have access in one Spirit to God. So we are no longer strangers and aliens, but citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone.

C: **In Christ the whole structure is joined together and grows
into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom we are built together
spiritually into a dwelling place for God.**

L: God has given us various gifts to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Beloved of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

C: So we grow up in every way into the one who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Amen.

***Closing Hymn:** We All Are One in Mission

WOV 755

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: Mike DeLong

Worship Assistant next week: Sarah Kneller

Today's Lay Reader: Faith Thunberg

Lay Reader next week: Nicholas Kneller

Seminarian Field Student: Wendy Harrison

Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman

Technical Assistant: Beverly Hoffman

Attendance/Offering 11/10:

In person: 43 Online Plays: 62 Offering: \$1,771

Secretary Office Hours this week

Monday 9:30-4:30

Tuesday 9:30-4:30

Wednesday 9:30-3:30

*Thank you to our seminarian
Wendy Harrison for leading our service today.*



This week at St. Luke

Sunday, November 17—Pentecost 26

8:30 AM Service of Word and Prayer
9:30 AM Coffee Hour
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)
5:30 PM-6:30 PM Community Free Meal

Monday, November 18

6:30 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 19

10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday, November 20

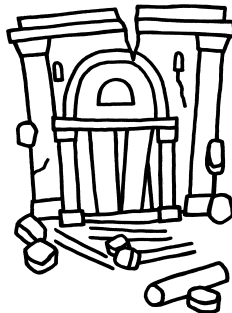
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 21

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

Next Sunday, November 24—Christ the King Sunday

8:30 AM Combined Service of
Holy Communion at St. Luke with St. Paul
9:30 AM Coffee Hour (by WELCA)
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)
5:30 PM-6:30 PM Community Free Meal



NEWS IN OUR PEWS

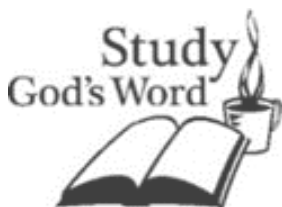
Annual Reports: Please begin to prepare your annual reports. The reports should be submitted to the office by the middle of December.

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, December 12 at 6:30PM. The 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.

Council Invitation: For the upcoming year, new members are needed. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. Serving on the 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 today.



Thank-Offering: We will celebrate Thank-Offering Sunday on November 24. Please bring in your non-perishable donations the entire month of November. Donations put in in envelopes will support the ongoing ministries of the churchwide women's organization which include online and printed communication channels, justice and advocacy work, training of the elected leader's, grants and scholarships, and so much more.

Women of the ELCA: "WELCA will be hosting a night out at the Lebanon Community Theater on Friday, December 13 at 7:30 to see White Christmas. A sign-up sheet with details is in the chapel. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for students. The deadline to sign up is Dec. 1st. Everyone is welcome!

Worshipping Together: St. Luke and St. Paul will worship together on November 24, 8:30 AM at St. Luke. Thank-offering and Blessing of the Families will be part of the service.

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, Barbara Hehnly, 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

