

**St. Luke Lutheran Church**

**and**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

*Worshiping Together*

November 24, 2024

Christ the King Sunday

Thank-Offering & Blessing of Families

Service of Holy Communion





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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

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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 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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ 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:** Jesus Shall Reign LBW 530

**\*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

Please see Celebrate insert

**First Reading:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 93** Read responsively

**Ministry of Music:** Choir: Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

**Second Reading:** Revelation 1:4b-8

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the eighteenth chapter.

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

**\*Gospel:** John 18:33-37

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**\*Hymn of the Day:** How Great Thou Art

LBW 532

**\*Thank-offering Litany— Women of the ELCA**

L: Today as we gather on Thank-offering Sunday, let us keep in mind our Savior's promise: that where two or three come together in Christ's name, he is here with us. For generations, Lutheran women have gathered to give thanks to God for all the blessings of our lives, and particularly the blessings that come to us through this community of women. Let us reflect on the blessings that come to us and the blessings we pass on through our Thank-offering.

R1: A blessing that comes to us through our community of women is the opportunity to grow in faith.

R2: A blessing that comes to us through our community of women is the opportunity to affirm our gifts.

R3: A blessing that comes to us through our community of women is our commitment to support one another in our callings.

R4: A blessing that comes to us through our community of women is our commitment to ministry and action.

R5: A blessing that comes to us through our community of women is our commitment to promoting healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

R6: The blessings passed on through our Thank-offerings include the work of our Women of the ELCA partnered with Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, the Women's Funding Network, and ministries of the larger ELCA such as ELCA World Hunger and Global Mission.

R7: Our Thank-offerings are our response in gratitude to all the blessings that come to us and flow through us. Our Thank offerings make all this possible. Let us bless the Lord, and in gratitude bless the church, the society, and the world through our generosity. Let us pray: Generous God,

C: we thank you further that you entrust us with passing on your gifts to others. Grant u grace always to act with bold and fearless generosity, seeing the face of your Son in all of your beloved children throughout the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*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

*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: 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.

**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 Christ the King:**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

Always and everywhere to give thanks.

Holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness

You have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,

To be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, we offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross.

And redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures  
That he might bring before your infinite majesty a kingdom of  
truth and life,  
A kingdom of holiness and grace,  
A kingdom of justice, love and peace.  
And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

**\*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: Behold, God is making all things new.  
Take your place in the new creation.

#### **\*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: Faithful God,  
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink  
in the body and blood of your Son.  
Now send us out to labor with you,  
in service to the world you have made,  
and among the people you have made your home,  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Prayers for the Blessing of the Church Family  
and Individual Families**

P: Prayer is not so much our effort to find God, but a response to God finding us. God is always with us, embracing us with love and mercy, and is blessing us so that we be a blessing to others. Let us strive to recognize and live into God's relationship with us. Therefore, let us pray:

God our creator, inspire the church family near and far to diligently search and find those missing in the chaos of this world – the homeless, the addicted, the ill, the immigrant, the aged, the rejected, the grieving, and the lonely – that we welcome them into our households of faith. Lord, in your love and mercy,

**C: hear our prayer and embrace them.**

For all who are far from home, they will live in safety. For all who are alienated from us and who stay away from this table, that they may return to this faith home, and that we are prepared to greet them. Lord, in your love and mercy,

**C: hear our prayer and embrace them.**

For the sick, the aged, the lonely, and any who cannot be with us this day, especially those we now name in voice and heart, ... that they may know of our concern for them and feel your healing embrace. Lord, in your love and mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer and embrace them.**

Lord Jesus, you lived among us as part of a particular family and the larger family of faith to enrich both with your blessings. We humbly ask for your favor and protection on our community of faith. Make this congregational home and every member's home a place where the Holy Trinity is worshiped in peace-filled joy and awe. Lord, in your love and mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer and embrace us.**

Jesus, through your own obedience you made your own family the model of prayer, love, and obedience to God's will. Bind all families together in the bonds of peace, faithfulness, and love for one another. Lord, in your love and mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer and embrace us.**

O God, you created the Church in love and mercy. Through the bond of marriage you have established the family and willed that it become a sign of Christ's love for his Church. Shower your blessing on this faith family and each family gathered here this day. Enable us who are joined by one love to support one another in fervor of spirit and devotion to prayer. Make us responsive to the needs of our community and be witnesses of your Son in all we say and do. Lord, in your love and mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer and embrace us.**



Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

**C:** Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**\*Blessing:**

P: The Ancient One, enthroned,  
the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:** Praise to You, O God of Mercy      WOV 790

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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### **Our worshipping community:**

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

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

**Worship Assistant:** Sarah Kneller

**Worship Assistant next week:** Jake Werner

**Today's Lay Reader:** Nicholas Kneller

**Lay Reader next week:** Donna Moyer

**Seminarian Field Student:** Wendy Harrison

**Live Streaming Technician:** William Hoffman

**Technical Assistant:** Beverly Hoffman

Attendance/Offering 11/17:

In person: 34    Online Plays: 49    Offering: \$1,319



## This week at St. Luke

### Sunday, November 24—Christ the King/Thank-Offering

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

### Tuesday, November 26

10:00 AM	Band Together
11:00 AM	Church Decorating

### Thursday, November 28

11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Community Free Meal
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### Next Sunday, December 1—Advent 1

8:30 AM	Holy Communion (Dedication of Greens)
9:30 AM	Coffee Hour
9:30 AM	Sunday School (Children/Adults)
5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Community Free Meal
7:00 PM	Community Advent Service at Trinity UMC in Kleinfeltersville

### Monday, December 2

8:00 AM	Advent Zoom Bible Study
7:00 PM	Lions



## NEWS IN OUR PEWS

Advent Bible Study: Join us on zoom Monday December 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 8:00 AM for a Advent devotion. We will gather around the scripture, coffee, and our screens for a time of prayer and reflection as we begin our week. A zoom link will be provided this coming week along with an electronic version of the devotional.



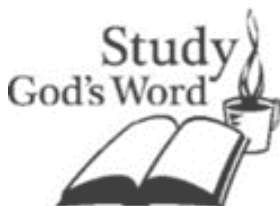
Annual Reports: Please begin to prepare your annual reports. The reports should be submitted to the office by the middle of December.



Band Together: Meets on 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 December 19.



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.





Christmastide Services:

Christmas Eve 7:00 PM—St. Paul, Penryn

Christmas Eve 11:00—St. Luke, Schaefferstown

(music precedes each service)

Sunday, December 29—Lessons and Carols combined service  
at St. Paul, Penryn. 10:30 AM



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



Community Advent Service: Sunday, December 1, 7:00 PM at  
Trinity UMC in Kleinfeltersville.

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



Thank-Offering: Today we celebrate Thank-Offering Sunday! Thank you for your non-perishable donations. Donations put in in WELCA 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 is in the chapel. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$20 for students. Details are in the chapel. The deadline to sign up is Dec. 1st. Everyone is welcome!



## *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**



