



St. Luke Lutheran Church in Schaefferstown
Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 25, 2021
Contemporary Service

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Our 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.

HEALTH QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FOR ATTENDEES:

Please Do Not Stay If You Answer Yes to the Following Questions:

1. Do you have a cough, fever or flu-like symptoms? (some flu-like symptoms could be: fatigue, chills, fever, muscle pain, cough, headache, sore throat) – **if yes, please go home and call your Doctor**
2. Have you had a COVID-19 test in the past 14 days? – **if yes, please do not stay**
3. Have you come in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days? – **if yes, please do not stay**

Stay at Your Own Risk If You Answer Yes to the Following Question:

Are you over age 65 and or someone with any underlying health issues (diabetes, lung disease, hypertension, kidney disease or a decreased immune system)? – if yes, stay at your own risk

Being Mindful of Others: Masks, Distancing, and Other Mitigation Practices

So that we may be more safely worshiping together, we follow these additional steps with due diligence to mitigate the possibility of spreading illness.

All wear masks that cover both your nose and mouth.

All place folding chair at least six feet from anyone who does not live in your home

All use hand sanitizer upon arrival (dispenser is on the table by the stairway)

All take their bulletin home

Offerings are placed in the receptacle on the table by the stairway – Thank you!!

Only the leading musicians will sing

Passing the peace will take place with gestures – we will neither mingle or touch or shout

All bring a cracker or piece of bread from home on Communion Sundays (1st and 3rd Sundays)

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Music Page 8

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord I lift Your name on high Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth To show the way From the earth to the cross

My debt to pay From the cross to the grave From the grave to the sky

Lord I lift Your name on high

CCLI Song # 117947 Rick Founds

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Call to Worship and Prayer

Welcome to God's new Day!

C: Everywhere we look we see new life!

In seeds and buds, in smiles and touch,

C: we discover God's energizing presence.

Death can never be the last word!

C: God has raised Jesus Christ from the dead!

Through baptismal waters we are joined to Jesus' death and resurrection,

C: by which we are forgiven and made new.

And as the sun rises this and every day,

C: we remember our baptism, and again we are forgiven and made new.

Let us Pray: Gracious God, We have heard it said, that there is a time and season for everything under heaven:

C: a time to love and a time to hate; a time to build up and a time to tear down; a time for peace and a time for war; a time to live and a time to die.

When the time was right, you sent Jesus, full of your good news, saying "turn away from the past, for the kingdom of God is at hand." The old seasons and times have passed away, all things are made new.

C: Your Son Jesus calls his followers to love all people, even our enemies. He calls us to build up one another in love. He calls us to be peacemakers. He gives us new and eternal life.

Father, may our hearts be like clay, to be molded in your hands.

C: Our hearts are yours, mold them from our old ways of death into your Son's ways of new life, showing mercy, kindness, and love. Amen.

Prayer Song: Page 23 You are My King

I'm forgiven Because You were forsaken I'm accepted You were condemned

I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me Because You died And rose again

Chorus

Amazing love How can it be That You my King Would die for me Amazing love

I know it's true It's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You

Ending

You are my King You are my King Jesus You are my King Jesus You are my King

CCLI Song # 2456623 Billy J. Foote

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First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you

in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Song **ELW #502** The King of Love My Shepherd Is
The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

The Message

An Affirmation of Faith

**All: I believe and trust in God the Father who created all that is, and continues
to create new life in and around us.**

**I believe and trust in Jesus Christ, the Savior of all that is.
By his death and resurrection my sin is forgiven,
my relationship with God is restored, and
I am freed for servant living.**

**I believe and trust that the Holy Spirit is present, now and always,
calling me to faith, gifting and empowering me
to be a living neighbor—compassionate in service to God
and in all my relationships.**

**I believe and trust that the community of believers knows and experiences
the fullness of life through faithful participation in
Word and Sacrament and Christ's Mission to the world. Amen.**

Offering: Thank you for faithfully mailing your offering envelope or placing them in the container today.

Song ELW #789

Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.

We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will; blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847

Let us pray together.

C: Lord make us instruments of your peace.

**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.**

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**C: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Benediction and Dismissal

Let us go into the world in *Faith*.

C: Trusting God to lead us, trusting people to receive us.

Let us go into the world in *Hope*.

C: With God's presence before us and our dreams to carry us.

Let us go into the world in *Love*.

**C: Serving with and loving God and neighbor, loving those in whom Christ lives, and laboring on
behalf of and loving those for whom the risen Jesus brings the promise of new life.**

Let us go into the world.

C: We go into the world in Faith, Hope, and Love.

Sending Song Goodness Love and Mercy

Oh Lord You're my Shepherd You make me lie in fields of green
You lead me by the still waters You restore righteousness to me
Though I walk through the valley I will fear no evil thing
For You are with me and You comfort me

Chorus

Surely goodness love and mercy Will follow wherever I go

Bridge

I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever

CCLI Song # 7117450

Bear Rinehart | Bo Rinehart | Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

Dismissal

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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Today's Worship Leadership:

Supply Pastor: The Rev. Angela Hammer

Worship Assistant: Donna Rhodes

St. Luke Contemporary Worship Team is:

Vocal: Sarah Kneller

Guitars: Todd Snyder and Linda Holt

This Week at St. Luke**Next Sunday - Food Bank Sunday**

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:45 AM Holy Communion Service

7:00 PM Taize Service

You can participate in St. Luke's worship online. The service is livestreamed on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran>, or on YouTube using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKROL7HVJEgtCMksioZwoA>. If you do not have internet access, you are welcome to attend in person following the Covid safety protocols we have in place. You will continue to receive the weekly bulletin via email.

Thanks to all of you who are worshipping here at St. Luke in person or who have joined with us online. We continue to make improvements in our online outreach with better connections and upgraded hardware, software, and visuals to meet your needs. We need your feedback as well, both in how you receive and view the service, and your response to the message. We encourage you to comment on the message of the day. We also need volunteers to assist with the technical aspects of weekly livestreaming and all of the legwork and support this requires. If you are willing and able to serve in this way, please contact the church office at 717-949-3375 or churchoffice@stlukelutheran.comcastbiz.net.

A WARM WELCOME to our supply pastor The Rev. Angela Hammer and all our visitors as we come together to share this day here at St. Luke.

Please keep in your prayers those who are ill, recovering, or shut-in, especially:

John Adams, Claudia Addison, Brenda Boyer, Leon Boyer, Mechelle Leshner Bray, James Christman, Amanda Cupernall, Alexandria (Lexxi) Ditzler, Cathy Dunkelberger, Earl Garman, Deb Glassmoyer, Peg Griffe, Anna Mae Grubb, Bill Gundrum, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, Betty Herr, Dean Hettinger, Lilly Higgins & Family, Bill Hoffman, Richard and Nancy Hollen, June Kohr, Landon Kreider,

Ruth Kupp, Betty Leedy, Delores Leshner, Richard Leshner, Ken Light, Donald and Sue McClure, Steven McCracken, Casey McGarvey, Dana McKinney, Maureen Marinkov, Dale Matthews, Harold (Spike) Moore, Brian Navarre, Barry and Tom Nolt, George Pastore, Kathy O’Roark, Gerald and Ruth Parson, Ronald Ream, Diane Reedy, Lance Rhodes, Al Shade, Barry Shriver, Linda Simmers, Lloyd Smith, Richard Strohl, Caitlyn, Gretta and Mike Stuber, Faith Thunberg, Robert Todisco, Landis Wenger, Josephine Wenrich, Janet Wharton, Josie Williams, Eddie Wolfe, Marian Yoder, Dottie and Maggie Zartman, and Ashton Zohn.

Pray for those who are serving in the military, especially:

Christopher Ahnert, Timothy Beamesderfer, Tyler Fleagle, Shane Gettler, Steven Ginder, George Leshner, Jr., Greg Rocker, Matthew Sanders and Jamielee Ahnert Symes.

Pray for 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, Lebanon Taizé Violence Intervention Women’s Shelter, Lancaster/Lebanon Habitat for Humanity, Lebanon Rescue Mission, Support Connections of Lebanon County, Our Synod Bishop James S. Dunlop and his staff, and our ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and staff.

Please be in Prayer for and with St. Luke Vision to Mission Team - Kit Ahnert, Richelle Deysher, Elaine Matternas, Judy Plummer, Scott Rights, and Todd Snyder.

The 2021 Flower and Bulletin charts can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions concerning these charts please call the church office at 717-949-3375.

April 18, 2021

Attendance - 26 Offering - \$1,390.00

Sunday School - 13

You will find **Pentecost Geranium Envelopes** in the Vestibule and downstairs Miller Chapel. The cost of one plant is \$6.00. Orders are due by May 2nd. Pentecost Sunday is May 23, 2021.

The Monthly Ministry Emphasis for the month of May will go towards **“The Lebanon Rescue Mission.”** Thank you again for your continued support.

Parents of **graduating students**, please let the church office know (717) 949-3375 if your children are graduating from high school, college or a trade school. Also, what their future plans might be or future job placement.

St. Luke History Books are available for \$20.00. Call Anna Mae Grubb 717-273-7035 or email at mrgrubby@comcast.net.

Adult Sunday School Class: If you are interested in small group discussions, please consider joining us Sunday mornings at 10:15 am in the chapel basement. We are currently doing a series titled **“A Thinking Person’s Guide to Faith”** narrated by Adam Hamilton. Topics include 1) Science, Religion and the Rationality of God, 2) When Christians Get it Wrong, 3) Making Sense of the Bible and 4) The Love of God and the Logic of Hell. All are welcome. Masks and social distancing are required.

Food Bank Sunday is Next Sunday, May 2nd

The items needed are: Canned Meats and Stews, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soups, Peanut Butter and Reusable Plastic Containers.

Mark Your Calendars

Beginning **Mother's Day, May 9, 2021** our new worship time will be **8:30 AM** until further notice.

The **Book Club** will be meeting via ZOOM on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00pm. We will be discussing the book **A Burning**, by Meghanns Majumdar. If anyone has any questions or would like to join in on the discussion please contact Richelle Deysher.