



St. Luke Lutheran Church in Schaefferstown

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Holy Communion/Contemporary

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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)

The Gathering

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Song: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness Page 38

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;

Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing:

"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." (*Refrain*)

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *(Refrain)*

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again, when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *(Refrain)*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. *(Refrain)*

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Call to Worship

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

C: So God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

C: So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward son,

C: So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

C: Let us receive, welcome, and rejoice over one another in the name of God's love incarnate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song: Holy is the Lord Page 35

Verse

We stand and lift up our hands For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now How great how awesome is He

Pre-Chorus

And together we sing Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Bridge

It is rising up all around It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
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The Word

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Loving God, as we worship you today let not our hearts be as hard as stone,

C: but make us soft and pliable as clay.

Let not our minds be armored as a fortress

C: but make us as open as an archway.

Let us not cling to preconceived assumptions,

C: but relax our hands to let go of all which we grasp.

Set us free to hold whatever you might send us.

C: May we not be like the rocks in a river, unaffected amid the current, unconnected to its source, yet may we be like the rocks of a foundation, firm and faithful, lasting and loving. May we flow with your Spirit as a fallen leaf floats lightly on the surface of a stream, and may we stand strong by your Word like a boulder that does not budge. Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise

the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

Jesus said, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Song Holiness Page 4

Holiness, Holiness is what I long for. Holiness is what I need. Holiness, Holiness is what you want from me.

Chorus:

Take my heart and form it. Take my mind, transform it.

Take my will, conform it to Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

Righteousness....., Faithfulness....., Brokenness.....,

Final Chorus:

Take my heart and form it. Take my mind, transform it.

Take my will, conform it to Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

To Yours, to Yours, O Lord.

To Yours.

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The Message

An Affirmation of Faith *(please rise as you are able)*

**C: Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. A star marked your humble birth,
And God said at your baptism,
"This is my Son, the Beloved..."**

**Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God.
Unlike other teachers, you taught with authority.
You healed the sick, opened blind eyes,
and called the dead to life.
The disciples saw you walking on the sea,
And they proclaimed, "Truly you are the Son of God."
They saw you transfigured on the mountain,
and heard God say, "This is my Son...listen to him!"**

**Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God.
You entered Jerusalem with crowds shouting hosannas.
You heard the "Hosannas" turn to "Let him be crucified!"
And you died with the centurion's witness of,
"Truly this man was God's Son!"
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
saw you risen from your tomb.
Your disciples saw you and heard your command
to make disciples of all nations.**

**Jesus, I believe.
Peter speaks for me when he says,
:You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"**

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

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharist Prayer

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy 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.

Remembering Eucharist *(Please locate your piece of bread or cracker)*

Lord, in this time of pandemic, as we protect others and ourselves from COVID-19 by not coming forward as usual for Your promised presence in bread and wine, given for us to share around the table of your family, we remember:

At the Last Supper, Jesus knew his disciples would be devastated by his leaving them, so he wanted to give them the assurance that he would be present with them always in a very special way; the way Yahweh made himself present to Moses in the burning bush, [to his exodus people in the pillar of cloud by day and fire by night,] to the Israelites in the show bread preserved in the temple, to Elijah at Mt. Sinai in a still small voice, [and as a dove and the voice from heaven in the Baptism of Jesus].

Jesus' love is very tender, and in that tenderness He wants us to know that we are never alone, but that he is always with us. And so, at the end of the Passover meal on the night 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."

Therefore, we take and eat this bread from our homes knowing Jesus is here – in, with, under, and through this form of bread, and ourselves. The Presence of Jesus.

Thanks be to God. (Please eat your bread or cracker)

In doing this, Jesus gave his disciples a precious heritage, a way of assuring them of His constant presence and never failing love. Jesus told them, "Whoever eats this bread abides in me and I in them." This presence, shared by his closest friends, smuggled into Roman prisons, and passed on through generations of followers to us, was and continues to be a great comfort to all who know Jesus' presence. Therefore we pray:

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.

Bowing in Prayer

Song of Prayer: Jesus, Remember Me, when you come into your kingdom Pg.1

Lord God, You told Moses and Israel, and now us, "I am your God; you shall have no other gods before me."

C: May our lives center on You and Your will for us.

"You shall not make for yourself any graven image, you shall not bow down to them nor serve them."

C: May we be clear that You cannot be captured and made to serve us, but that we can respond to Your presence by serving You.

"You shall not take the name of your God in vain."

C: May we have respect for You and invite others to respect you.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

C: Keep us mindful of Your creative power and help us to be refreshed to enjoy life fully.

Song of Prayer: Jesus, Remember Me, when you come into your kingdom

"Honor your father and your mother."

C: Enable us to care for our family and others as You have cared for us.

"You shall not kill."

C: May we have reverence for life.

"You shall not commit adultery."

C: May we be faithful to one another and the promise we make.

“You shall not steal.”

C: May we have regard for the rights of others

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

C: May our words be truthful and may they reflect honorably on others.

“You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor’s.”

C: May we enjoy the blessings we receive, and share them generously with others.

Song of Prayer: Jesus, Remember Me, when you come into your kingdom

Now, let us name in prayer all those among us and our friends who need God’s power and healing touch in their lives:...

C: Father, we commend all our concerns and those we love, as well as ourselves, into Your hands, trusting in Your power and mercy.

Song of Prayer: Jesus, Remember Me, when you come into your kingdom

The Benediction

Compassionate, enlivening God in Christ,

C: bless us with your presence as we journey the Emmaus road. Set our hearts ablaze with your truth, reveal yourself to us as we gather, and send us into the world with your message of reconciliation and renewed life. Amen.

Sending Song: Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters WOV #697

Wash O God our sons and daughters Where Your cleansing waters flow

Number them among Your people Bless as Christ blessed long ago

Weave them garments bright and sparkling Compass them with love and light

Fill anoint them send Your Spirit Holy dove and heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture By Your milk may we be fed

Let us join Your feast Partaking cup of blessing living bread

God renew us guide our footsteps Free from sin and all its snares

One with Christ in living dying By Your Spirit children heirs.

O how deep Your holy wisdom Unimagined all Your ways

To Your name be glory honor With our lives we worship praise

We Your people stand before You Water washed and Spirit-born

By your grace our lives we offer Recreate us God transform.

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Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God!

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St. Luke Contemporary Worship Team is:**Vocal:** Sarah Kneller**Guitar:** Linda Holt and Todd Snyder**Today's Worship Leadership:****Supply Pastor:** The Rev. Angela Hammer**Worship Assistant:** Sue DeLong**This Week at St. Luke****Tuesday** 6:30 PM Communication Technology Comm.**Next Sunday** **Holy Trinity - Note: New Time****8:30 AM Worship Service****9:30 AM Sunday School**

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An update on our online worship: The service is livestreamed weekly 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 current Covid protocols. You will continue to receive the weekly bulletin via email.

Adjustments and improvements are being made every week. For example:

- The streaming process has been improved with a direct tie to the sound system. This requires presenters to use the microphone so all (both in-person and viewing online) can hear.
- Periods of quiet during the service, usually during congregational response, are being addressed so those viewing/listening online can feel fully included in the service.

We need your feedback-- any recommendations, suggestions, or improvements regarding the current online offerings, or suggestions for other social media outlets. We also need volunteers to assist with the technical aspects of livestreaming and all of the legwork and support this requires. Please send your feedback or volunteer availability to the Church Office. Thank you!

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, Kit Ahnert, Brenda Boyer, Leon Boyer, Mechelle Leshar Bray, Amanda Cupernall, Alexandria (Lexxi) Ditzler, Cathy Dunkelberger, Earl Garman, Deb Glassmoyer, Peg Griffie, Bill Gundrum, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, Dean and Sue Hettinger, Lilly Higgins & Family, Bill Hoffman, Richard and Nancy Hollen, June Kohr, Landon Kreider, Ruth Kupp, Betty Leedy, Delores Leshar, Richard Leshar, 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, 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.

If you are in need of **Pastoral Care** for a Visit, Hospitalization, Baptisms, Funerals, etc. please call the church office at 717-949-3375.

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.

May 16, 2021**Attendance** - 26**Offering** - \$1,102.00

The Monthly Ministry Emphasis for the month of May will go towards **"The Lebanon Rescue Mission."** The emphasis for June is **"Spang Crest."** Thank you again for your continued support.

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 9:30 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.

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