



St. Luke Lutheran Church in Schaefferstown

The Holy Trinity - May 30, 2021

Memorial Day Worship 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

The Prelude

***Memorial Day Prayer**

In 1st Timothy Chapter 2, St Paul Writes, First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all ...

On Memorial Day, we remember those who died in active service of this nation. Let us pray.
Almighty and merciful God, on this day of remembrance for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice

for the freedoms this nation claims and who now are in your healing care, we ask that you embrace the loved ones these dead have left behind. Comfort them, ease the nightmares of their days and nights, heal their hearts and minds, that they are able to recover and begin anew. Provide for them compassionate family, friends, neighbors, and people of faith who will not forget them nor let them down. Clinging to the cross of Christ we cry out,

C: hear us Lord.

We also ask for our men and women who currently serve, especially those in war zones, that you hold them in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the breach for our protection. Remember their families and provide for them your unique blessings to fill their homes. We pray your peace, provision, hope and strength will fill their lives. Clinging to the cross of Christ we cry out,

C: hear us Lord.

We ask that you provide wisdom to our nation's leaders who send these men and women into harms way, that they fulfill their duty to fully supply all their needs and safety, and not forget them when they return home, that they provide all that they need to recover from the physical and psychological wounds they may have suffered, no matter the cost. Clinging to the cross of Christ we cry out,

C: hear us Lord.

May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.

C: Amen.

Words of Confession and Reconciliation

Brothers and sisters, we are often so caught up in what is happening around us in our homes, institutions, and community that we fail to notice who walks beside us.

C: Jesus, Forgive us. Do not conceal yourself from us; open our eyes to your merciful presence.

Jesus, you are right in indicating how foolish your Emmaus followers were and still can be when we become stuck in this world and lose sight of your good news, lose hope, and therefore not grasp what you have revealed to us.

C: Loose what binds us, Jesus, cause our hearts to burn with your teaching.

Here we stand today, urging Jesus to stay with us and break bread with us,

C: yearning to be filled with the ever present joy that overwhelmed the Emmaus disciples, that caused them to leave all behind, rejoin the community of believers, and discover their individual and communal mission. Stay with us Lord. Amen

Hear the good news. Jesus remains with us, opens our eyes to his presence, and our ears to hear the things about him in the scriptures. His forgiving self-giving life, teaching, death, and resurrection, reconciles us to his Father, our Father,

C: so that our faith is rekindled, our hope is restored, and our mission becomes clear: blessing God and becoming a compassionate blessing to one another in this faith community, and to our neighbors near and far. Amen.

Gathering Hymn LBW #166

"All Glory Be to God on High"

All glory be to God on high and thanks to him forever!

Whatever Satan's host may try, God foils their dark endeavor.

He bends his ear to ev'ry call, and offers peace, goodwill to all,
and calms the troubled spirit.

O Father, for your lordship true we give you praise and honor;
 we worship you; we trust in you; we give you thanks forever.
 Your will is perfect, and your might relentlessly confirms the right;
 your lordship is our blessing.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, creation's author,
 redeemer of your wand'ring ones, and source of all true pleasure:
 O Lamb of God, O Lord divine, conform our lives to your design,
 and on us all have mercy.

O Holy Spirit, perfect gift, who brings us consolation:
 to men and women saved by Christ assure your inspiration.
 Through sickness, need, and bitter death, grant us your warm, lifegiving breath;
 our lives are in your keeping. Amen

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485-c. 1550; tr. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930
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The Call to Worship

You catch up to us as we sojourn, Risen Jesus;

C: on the road, unexpectedly, in a way we need most, changing everything.

You stand next to us, Rabbi Jesus;

C: where we are, revealing a call, an invitation, the truth.

You enter into our souls, enlivening Jesus;

C: awakening us to a new life, a new world, a new mission.

Therefore we pray,

C: partnering God, refresh our weary hearts; inspire us to be your workers, that we may use the gifts you have given us to build your kingdom here in this place, at this time. Transform us so that we become agents of transformation in this congregation, this town, and beyond. In the name of the Emmaus Road Jesus we pray. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: the Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and joint heirs with Christ the Son.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” It is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Jesus’ miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day LBW #165

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

The Message

***Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

C: I trust in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I trust in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I trust in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Prayers

Like the disciples at Emmaus,

C: we offer what we have.

They offered their roof, their company, their table, their bread.

C: We invite you Lord to be with us as we offer you our love, our devotion, our gifts, that, in doing so, we, like Cleopas and his companion, extend hospitality to strangers.

– Time for the prayers of the people –

Following Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life, let us pray like the children of God:

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.**

Faithful to your promises, O God, draw near to all who call on you, and send us to encourage those who

do not know how to call on you. This we pray through Jesus, the One who taught us to approach your throne of Grace with confidence as we 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.**

An Emmaus Sending

Let us get up and go find our neighbors, our co-workers, our family and friends, and tell them who has been made known to us here;

C: and may Jesus walk every road with us and be present in all our meals, in our work and in our play, in our sleeping and waking. Amen.

Sending Hymn LBW #169

“Father Most Holy”

Father most holy, merciful, and tender; Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, light never waning.

Trinity blessed, unity unshaken; goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,
light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, hope of all living.

Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee; all for thy worship were and are created;
now, as we also worship thee devoutly, hear thou our voices.

Lord God Almighty, unto thee be glory, one in three persons, over all exalted!

Glory we offer, praise thee and adore thee, now and forever.

Text: Latin hymn, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt.

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Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

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Today’s Worship Leadership:

Supply Pastor: The Rev. Kristal Smith

Solost: Sarah Kneller

Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong

Minister of Music: Linda Holt

Lay Reader: Anna Mae Grubb

This Week at St. Luke

Tuesday 10:00 AM Band Together
Wednesday 9-Noon LWR Quilting
Thursday 10:00AM Band Together

Next Sunday **Food Bank Sunday**
8:30 AM Holy Communion Service
7:00 PM Taizé Service

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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. Kristal Smith 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 Leshner Bray, Amanda Cupernall, Alexandria (Lexxi) Ditzler, Cathy Dunkelberger, Earl Garman, Deb Glassmoyer, Peg Griffe, 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 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, 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 23, 2021**Attendance** - 28**Offering** - \$1,035.00

The Monthly Ministry Emphasis for the month of June will go towards "**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 following the worship service in the chapel basement. We are currently doing a series titled Sermon on the Mount presented by Dr. Amy Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University. Being Jewish in faith, Dr. Levine provides a slightly different perspective on Jesus' sermon which will broaden your understanding of Jesus' message. All are welcome. Because we are a small group and space is plentiful, a mask is only required if you are not fully vaccinated. Thanks and hope to see you on Sunday. This will be our last Sunday School Class till fall.

Starting Tuesday, June 1st, 10 AM Schaefferstown Bands will restart outside on the upper parking lot of St. Luke Lutheran Church. If weather causes us to move inside the chapel, we need to mask and maintain social distancing per the recommendation of the Lutheran Synod and current church policy. The first week, we will need to bring a chair and mask (if going inside). We will start without the bands so that everyone has the opportunity to get the band colors that they need for the second week
Hope to see you there!

Book Club will be reading "**The Midnight Library**" by: Matt Haig. The meeting will be in the Chapel on Thursday, June 24th at 7:00pm. Masks will be required and we will sit with some social distancing. If anyone has any questions please contact Richelle Deysher.

Next Sunday June 6, 2021 is Food Bank Sunday. The items needed are: Pastas, Stuffings, Rice, Beans, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soups, Oatmeal Packets, Condiments, Peanut Butter and Reusable Plastic Containers.