



St. Luke Lutheran Church in Schaefferstown
Seventh Sunday of Pentecost - July 11, 2021
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 10 days? – **if yes, please do not stay**
3. Have you come in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 10 days? – **if yes, please do not stay**

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

So that we may safely worship together, please follow these steps with due diligence to mitigate the possibility of spreading illness.

If person is fully vaccinated - mask is optional.

If person is unvaccinated or has received 1 dose of a 2 dose vaccine - mask is recommended.

Social distancing is still required if not a member of the same household.

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

Please take bulletins home.

Please place Offerings in the receptacle on the table by the stairway – Thank you!!

Passing the peace will take place with gestures.

Returning to Altar Communion with a specific procedure.

Welcome/Announcements

The Prelude

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 #367 “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving kindness, hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Grant, we pray, to all your faithful all the gifts they ask to gain;
what they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

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. Partnering God, refresh our weary hearts with your Holy Spirit.

C: Inspire us to be your workers, that we may use the gifts you have ignited in us to build your kingdom here in this place, at this time. Burn within us so that we become agents of compassionate transformation in this congregation, this town, and beyond. In the name of the Jesus we pray. Amen.

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’ ” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God’s plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God’s children and have been promised eternal salvation. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist’s martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

King Herod heard of the disciples’ preaching, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the

girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day WOV #763 "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

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The Message

Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith.

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.

Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us share his peace with one another.

(Share the peace with a Gesture)

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

Prayers of Intercession

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

(A brief silence.)

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodian(s) and maintenance workers, for our office staff and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith (especially Benedict of Nursia). We remember those in this community who have recently died (especially). United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus 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.

Blessing

God, the merciful and mighty, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – send us light and truth to keep us all our days.

**C: May his hand protect us, his holy angels accompany us,
and his blessing envelop us, now and forever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn LBW #500

“Faith of Our Fathers”

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.

Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Refrain

Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee. *(Refrain)*

Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life. *(Refrain)*

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Sending

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

C: Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

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Supply Pastor: The Rev. Angela Hammer

Soloist: Sarah Kneller

Lay Reader: Richelle Deysher

Pianist: Dr. David Deysher

Worship Assistant: Sue DeLong

This Week at St. Luke

This Evening **7:00 PM Fountain Park Service - "Brothers in Grace"**
(In case of rain - the services will be at St. Paul's U.C.C.)

Tuesday 10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday 7:00 PM Vision to Mission and Frieden's Lutheran Church meeting

Thursday 10:00AM Band Together

Next Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Communion Service
7:00 PM Fountain Park Service - Teen Challenge Choir
(In case of rain - the services will be held at St. Paul's U.C.C.)

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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 Leshner Bray, Amanda Cupernall, Alexandria (Lexxi) Ditzler, Cathy Dunkelberger, Earl Garman, Deb Glassmoyer, Peg Griffe, Bill Gundrum, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, 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, 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, and Matthew Sanders.

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.

July 4, 2021

Attendance - 37

Offering - \$1,250.00

The Monthly Ministry Emphasis for the month of July will go towards **“TEFAP.”** 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.

Summer Camping - All children from Kindergarten to grade 12, as well as families, are encouraged to look at the 2021 Lutheran Camping brochures in the downstairs Miller Chapel for various camps available this summer. Any questions you can go to their website: www.lutherancamping.org or by calling the Camping office at 717-677-8211.

If you didn't receive a new **St. Luke Church Directory** please call the church office at 717-949-3375.

Band Together is a free strength training program using resistance bands. The goal is to build strength and offer socialization to men and women of all ages and primarily adults over 50. We meet Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 AM at St. Luke. For more information please contact Sue DeLong or drop in and observe a class. Hope to see you there!!

Mark your calendars:

LWR Quilting scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th has been cancelled.

Church Council approved the following at their meeting on Monday, June 21st:

1. Resumption of singing the hymns by members of the congregation if they feel comfortable in doing so. Other singing of parts of the service will resume in the future.
2. Resumption of communion on July 4th with the following procedure:
 Change the language of the Eucharist to reflect the traditional liturgy for Lutheran communion.
 Pre-package the wafer and disposable empty cup in a zip-lock bag.
 People pick them up as they enter the church, along with their bulletin.
 Worship assistant will direct the individual or family to the altar up the center aisle to receive the wine & blessing & to return to their pew by the side aisles.
 Pastor Hammer will wear a mask, will not touch any of the elements, pour the wine, and give the blessing.
 At the end of the service, plastic bags with empty cups can be disposed of in a trash can in the vestibule.