



St. Luke Lutheran Church in Schaefferstown  
**Eighth Sunday of Pentecost - July 18, 2021**  
Holy Communion

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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: "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"** (Charles Gabriel)

Flute and Piano

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God  
who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against  
you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We**

**have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Opening Hymn LBW #403**

“Lord Speak to Us that We May Speak”

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;  
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart;  
and wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

### **The Apostolic Greeting**

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.**

Let us 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 Jesus we pray. Amen.**

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

**Special Music:**

**“Your Grace Is Enough”**

Linda and Emily Holt

**Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22**

*The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God’s chosen people. Through Jesus’ death, however, they are included in God’s household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ’s desire to be among those in need.*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day 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

## Message

### Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C. Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: 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.**

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our

praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C. Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

#### **LAMB OF GOD**

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world grant us peace, grant us peace.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come and be fed!

#### **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**

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C. Amen.**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C. 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 #463**

“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space:  
we, your children in your likeness, share inventive pow'rs with you;  
great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;  
 known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;  
 probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined pow'r,  
 facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew:  
 children of creative purpose, serving others, hon'ring you.  
 May our dreams prove rich with promise; each endeavor well begun;  
 great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

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### **Sending**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Postlude:**

### **“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”**

**Flute and Piano**

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**Supply Pastor:** The Rev. Angela Hammer

**Soloist:** Emily Holt

**Lay Reader:** Mike DeLong

**Minister of Music:** Linda Holt

**Worship Assistant:** Mike DeLong

### **This Week at St. Luke**

**This Evening**     **7:00 PM Fountain Park Service - “Teen Challenge Choir”**

(In case of rain - the services will be at St. Paul's U.C.C.)

**Monday**             6:00 PM Council Picnic at Paula Benson's home

**Tuesday**            10:00 AM Band Together

**Thursday**          10:00AM Band Together

### **Next Sunday**

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 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. Angela Hammer and all our visitors as we come together to share this day here at St. Luke.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE PRESENTED** in memory of our parents/grandparents, Paul and Myrtle Deysher and Richard and Rose DiFrancesco from the Deysher Family.

**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, David Deysher, 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 11, 2021**

**Attendance** - 22

**Offering** - \$1,760.00

**The Monthly Ministry Emphasis** for the month of July will go towards “TEFAP.” The emphasis for the month of August will be for “HOINA” (Homes of the Indian Nation)”. 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 [mrgubby@comcast.net](mailto:mrgubby@comcast.net).

**The Book Club** will be meeting on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Chapel. We will be discussing “Home Front” by: Kristin Hannah.  
If anyone has any questions please contact Richelle Deysher.

**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](http://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!!

**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.