



St. Luke Lutheran Church in Schaefferstown
Ninth Sunday of Pentecost - July 25, 2021
Contemporary 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

Gathering Song There Is one Like You Page 45

Chorus 1

We will fill up this place with Your praise
There is none like You there is none like You
My Friend You are mercy and beauty and grace
There is none like You there is none like You My Friend

Verse 1

Though this world is poor and broken Still You love it so
Though our hearts are prone to wander Still You seek us
And You find us calling us back home

Chorus 2

You're the God who is mighty to save
There is none like You there is none like You
My Friend You're the One who has conquered the grave
There is none like You there is none like You My Friend

Verse 2

All the wonders of creation Formed and found in You
 Work in us this transformation Changed from glory into glory
 Making all things new

Chorus 3

We will fill up this place with Your praise There is none like You
 There is none like You My Friend You are mercy and beauty and grace;

Bridge

There is no one like You There is no one like You There is just no one like You
(REPEAT 4X)

Ending

There is none like You There is none like You My Friend

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Call to Worship and Prayer

We come today into God's presence to celebrate his love in our midst.

C: We come secure and assured of God's salvation and joy found in Christ Jesus, His forgiveness won for us through Christ Jesus, His sustaining love and alluring will poured over us by the Holy Spirit.

Yet in this hour we also know and confess our weaknesses—

C: our faltering faith in Christ, our withheld love and forgiveness toward our neighbors, and our self-absorbed lives

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

C: by which we are forgiven and made new.

Let us Pray: Gracious God, in our time of worship, throughout the hours of our day

C: remain at the center of our thoughts and actions.

When all that we do seems to spin on and out of control,

C: draw us back to you.

Hold us together as individuals and as a community of faith in Jesus Christ.

C: Enable us to focus our lives on Jesus.

Help us to hit the mark when we aim to do your will.

C: Be for us a home, a center of gravity, a balance point, a source of loving support.

We come before your throne of grace with confidence,

C: that you will hear and answer us. Amen.

Prayer Song: How Great Is Our God Page 28

Verse 1

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice
 He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice
 And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God
And all will see how great How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge

Name above all names Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing How great is our God

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First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Reflection Song Our God Is An Awesome God

Chorus

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love Our God is an awesome God

Verse 1

When He rolls up His sleeves He wasn't puttin' on the ritz Our God is an awesome God
There is lightning in His footsteps And thunder in His fist Our God is an awesome God
And the Lord he wasn't joking When He kicked 'em out of Eden It wasn't for no reason
That He shed His blood His return is very soon
And so you better be believin' That our God is an awesome God

Verse 2

When the sky was starless In the void of the night Our God is an awesome God
He spoke into the darkness And created all the light Our God is an awesome God
Judgment and wrath He poured out on Sodom Mercy and grace He gave us at the cross
I hope that we have not Too quickly forgotten That our God is an awesome God

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An Affirmation of Faith

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

I 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 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 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.

Passing the Peace of our Lord

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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.

Bowing in Prayer

As followers of Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life, let us pray like St. Francis prayed:

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:

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:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

C: Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Song: Pass It On Page 62

Verse 1

It only takes a spark To get a fire going And soon all those around
Can warm up in its glowing That's how it is with God's love Once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone You want to pass it on

Verse 2

What a wondrous time is spring When all the trees are budding The birds begin to sing
The flowers start their blooming That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it You want to sing it's fresh like spring
You want to pass it on

Verse 3

I wish for you my friend This happiness that I've found You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound I'll shout it from the mountain top I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me I want to pass it on

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Dismissal

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/vocals: Linda Holt and Todd Snyder

Supply Pastor: The Rev. Angela Hammer

Worship Assistant: Paula Benson

This Week at St. Luke

Tuesday 10:00 AM Band Together

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. 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 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 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, 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 Leshar, 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 18, 2021

Attendance - 24

Offering - \$830.00

The Monthly Ministry 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 mrgrubby@comcast.net.

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!!

Sunday August 1 is Food Bank Sunday

The items needed are: Pastas, Spaghetti and Marinara Sauce, Canned Fruits, Canned Soups, Juices of all kinds - grape, apple, orange juice, granulated sugar and, Reusable Plastic Containers.

Tickets for a Barnstormers game in September will be raffled off next Sunday, August 1, 2021. The tickets were made available through Kornfield Investment Management.

We are in need of **boxes for shipping the quilts in October**. Please contact Sue DeLong with any questions.

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.