



St. Luke Lutheran Church in Schaefferstown
Sixth Sunday of Pentecost - July 4, 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: "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

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 #507

"How Firm A Foundation"

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, 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: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

A voice said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No

matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day ELW #887

“This Is My Song”

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.

But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.

So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
 O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you, and hearts united learn to live as one.
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations; myself I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912-1993, sts. 1-2; Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974, st. 3

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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.

EUCARISTIC 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 ELW #888**“O Beautiful For Spacious Skies”**

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
 for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
 and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
 who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
 America! America! May God thy gold refine,
 till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
 thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
 America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
 confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929

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

Minister of Music: Linda Holt

Soloist: Sarah Kneller

Worship Assistant: Donna Rhodes

Lay Reader: Rosemary Sanders

This Week at St. Luke

Tuesday 10:00 AM Band Together

Thursday 10:00AM Band Together

Next Sunday

8:30 AM Worship Service

7:00 PM Fountain Park Service - “Brothers in Grace”

(In case of rain - the services will be 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 Lesher Bray, Amanda Cupernall, Alexandria (Lexxi) Ditzler, Cathy Dunkelberger, Earl Garman, Deb Glassmoyer, Peg Griffie, 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 Lesher, Richard Lesher, 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 Lesher, 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.

June 27, 2021

Attendance - 26

Offering - \$935.00

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the Family and Friends of The Rev. Richard Geib (a former Supply Pastor). Pastor Geib passed away Thursday, June 24, 2021.

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 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.