



St. Luke Lutheran Church in Schaefferstown
4th Sunday of Epiphany - January 30, 2022
Worship/Congregation Meeting

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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.

Masks are strongly recommended for persons both vaccinated and unvaccinated for all indoor gatherings in the Church and Chapel.

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:

Just As I Am

Confession & Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

C: Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways.

We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.

We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us.

**We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our
tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

**How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's
forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace. Amen.**

Opening Hymn LBW #397 "O Zion, Haste"

O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light;
that he who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation and died on earth that we might live above. *(Refrain)*

Give of your own to bear the message glorious, give of your wealth to speed them on their way,
pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious, and haste the coming of the glorious day. *(Refrain)*

He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him, make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;
let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him, through your neglect, unfit to see his face. *(Refrain)*

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain
what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

*God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's
word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God
known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.*

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord
said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall

speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,
"Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Sr. Choir Anthem: "Come My Light"

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

Then Jesus began to say to all in the synagogue in Nazareth, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message**Hymn of the Day WOV #749**

"When Love Is Found"

(Tune - Waly, Waly, the Water Is Wide)

When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be glad that two are one.

When love explodes and fills the sky, praise God and share our maker's joy.

When love has flow'ed in trust and care, build both each day that love may dare
to reach beyond home's warmth and light, to serve and strive for truth and right.

When love is tried as loved-ones change, hold still to hope though all seems strange,
till ease returns and love grows wise through list'ning ears and opened eyes.

When love is torn and trust betrayed, pray strength to love till torments fade,
till lovers keep no score of wrong but hear through pain love's Easter song.

Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or youth, in husband, wife.
Lift up your hearts. Let love be fed through death and life in broken bread.

Text: Brian Wren, b. 1936

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Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our Faith.

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

I believe 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 believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic 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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

(A brief silence.)

Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate

policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your neverending love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 WOV #721 “Go My Children With My Blessing”

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own. In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much
I love you, what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free. Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

"I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace. I the Lord will smile upon you,
and give you peace. I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter and Brother. Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

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Congregational Meeting

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Supply Pastor: The Rev. Angela Hammer
Lay Reader: Faith Thunberg

Minister of Music: Linda Holt
Worship Assistant: Sue DeLong

St. Luke This Week

Tuesday 10:00 AM Band Together
Wednesday 7:00 PM Sr. Choir
Thursday 10:00 AM Band Together
Friday 3-6:00 PM TEFAP

Next Sunday Food Bank Sunday

8:30 AM Holy Communion
 9:30 AM Sunday School
7:00 PM Taizé Service

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It is easy to stay connected to all things happening at St. Luke! Check out our website at <https://www.stlukelutheran.org>. In addition to updates on current events, you will find links on the website to access our online worship services via Facebook or YouTube.

Or, if you prefer, you can access online services directly via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran>, or on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKROL7HVJEgtCMksioZwoA>.

The bulletin will continue to be emailed out weekly with printed copies available at Sunday worship. So whether you attend in person or tune in online, it is easy to stay connected!

We welcome your feedback--recommendations, suggestions, or improvements regarding the current online transmissions. 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.

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, Brenda Boyer, Leon Boyer, Mechelle Leshner Bray, Amanda Cupernall, Alexandria (Lexxi) Ditzler, Cathy Dunkelberger, Deb Glassmoyer, Peg Griffe, Bill Gundrum, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, Dean Hettinger, Lilly Higgins & Family, Richard and Nancy Hollen, Christopher Johnson (D Hettinger), June Kohr, Landon Kreider, Betty Leedy, Delores Leshner, Richard Leshner, Ken Light, Donald and Sue McClure, Steven McCracken, Casey McGarvey, Dana McKinney, Maureen Marinkov, Harold (Spike) Moore, Brian Navarre, Barry and Tom Nolt, Kathy O'Roark,

Gerald and Ruth Parson, George Pastore, 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:

Timothy Beamesderfer, David Deyscher, Tyler Fleagle, Shane Gettler, Steven Ginder, George Leshner, Jr., Matthew Plummer, Greg Rucker, 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 Deyscher, Elaine Matternas, Judy Plummer, Scott Rights, and Todd Snyder.

St. Luke History Books are available for \$20.00. Call Anna Mae Grubb 717-273-7035 or email at mrgrubby@comcast.net.

January 23, 2022

Attendance - 28

Offering - \$870.00

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the Family and Friends of Ruth Kupp, a member of our congregation. Ruth passed away Monday, January 24, 2022. Ruth's Funeral Service will be held at Clauser Funeral Home, Schaefferstown, Saturday, February 5th at 11:30 AM.

OUR SYMPATHY IS ALSO EXTENDED to the Family and Friends of Dale Matthews, a member of our congregation. Dale passed away Friday, January 21, 2022.

The new 2022 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.

The Monthly Ministry Emphasis for the month of February will be the *"St. Luke Family Assistance Discretionary Fund."* For the month of March it will be the *"World Missions (Lutheran Mission Support)."* Thank you again for your support.

Adult Sunday School Topic: An interview with Tim Keller, retired founder and pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in NYC, titled How to Spread the Gospel in Post Christian America. If this sounds interesting to you, please consider joining the class for engaging conversation. All are welcome!

SUNDAY February 6 is Food Bank Sunday for the Leb. Co. Christian Ministry Food Bank

The items needed are:

Pasta, Stuffing, Rice, Beans, Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Tissues, Body Wash, Hand Soap, Canned Hams, Chicken and Beef Broth.

Souper Bowl Of Caring will be held Sunday, February 13.

We will be collecting soup and monetary donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring, to benefit Lebanon County Christian Ministries.

The Book Club will be meeting on Thursday March 10th at 7:00pm in the Chapel. We will be discussing **“The Invisible Life of Addie Larue”** by: V.E. Schwab. All are welcome to join in an evening of great discussion. If you have any questions please contact Richelle Deysler.