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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 14, 2022

Service of the Word

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.

P: Pastor C: Congregation

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † One God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: Faith of our fathers LBW 500

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

- 1 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*

Refrain

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

- 2 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*
- 3 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*

Apostolic Greeting:

P: 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.

P: Let us pray...

Prayer of the Day:

P: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

The service continues on the next page.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Ministry of Music: David Deitz, voice

Second Reading: Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29–12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

The Message

Please stand as you are able

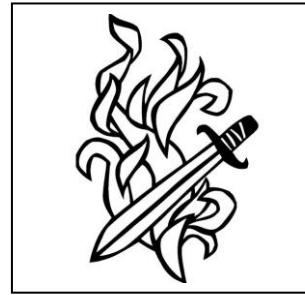
Hymn of the Day: Lead on, O King eternal! LBW 495

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

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| 1 Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song. | 2 Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy
the heav'nly kingdom comes. |
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Verse 3 of the hymn is on the next page

3 Lead on, O King eternal:
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might!



Apostles' Creed:

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share his peace with one another. *(Congregation may share the peace with a gesture)*

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

Ministry of Music: David Deitz, voice

Prayers of Intercession:

P: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer

P: Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters (*especially*). Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer

P: Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer

P: Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer

P: Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep (*concerns may be named*). In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints (*especially Maximilian Kolbe and Kaj Munk*) who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

P: Lord, 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:

P: The God of peace,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: On Eagle's Wings (You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord) WOV 779

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957 - Text © 1979 OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213.

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!" *Refrain*

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. *Refrain*
- 4 For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

Sending:

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Thank you for joining us!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our Supply Pastor, Rev. Angela Hammer and to all our visitors who have joined us in worship today. We hope you will join us again!

Thank you to David Deitz, David Deysher and Sarah Kneller for sharing their gifts of music in our service today.

The altar flowers are presented in memory of Kathrynne (Grandma) Zimmerman's birthday by Ann and Kurt Pearson.

Our worshipping community today (August 14):

Supply Pastor: Rev. Angela Hammer **Worship Assistant:** Sue DeLong
Lay Reader: Richelle Deysher **Pianist:** Dr. David Deysher **Soloist:** Sarah Kneller

Assisting in our worshipping community next week (August 21):

Lay Reader: Donna Moyer **Worship Assistant:** Mike DeLong

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In-person attendance: 38 Online views as of August 11: 61 Offering: \$3,190
Taizé attendance: 8 Online views as of August 11: 44 Offering: \$46

This week at St. Luke

<u>Sunday, August 14</u>	8:30 AM	Service of the Word
	9:30 AM	Coffee Hour
	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Community Free Meal
<u>Monday, August 15</u>	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
<u>Tuesday, August 16</u>	10:00 AM	Band Together
<u>Thursday, August 17</u>	10:00 AM	Band Together
	11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Community Free Meal
<u>Next Sunday, August 21</u>	8:30AM	Holy Communion
	9:30 AM	Coffee Hour
	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Community Free Meal

Request from the church office: Please be sure to communicate all activities and events to the church office, so the information published is accurate. Information for weekly bulletins should be submitted by 1:00 PM on Thursday.

COVID GUIDELINES ARE STILL BEING FOLLOWED - Please use common sense when you are not feeling well.

Be mindful of others so that we may continue to safely worship together. Masks are recommended for those who are unvaccinated & optional if you are vaccinated. Thank you for caring for your church family.

NEWS IN OUR PEWS

It is easy to stay connected to 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 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 the legwork and support this requires. Please send your feedback or volunteer availability to the Church Office.

Backyard event: this Saturday evening at 7:00 PM. Live music and beer.

Beer and Bible: Thursday, 8/18 at 6:30 PM. We're doing a cookout at a congregant's home. The address is 8 West Lexington Road, Lititz.

Coffee Hour – Volunteers are needed for coffee hour. Please see the signup sheet in the narthex.

Community Free Meals: Served: Thursday: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and Sunday: 5:30 to 7:00 pm
Partners with St. Luke in the Thursday meals are members of the Heidelberg Community Church group - Zion Methodist, St. Paul's UCC, Trinity Methodist-Kleinfeltersville, Krall's Mennonite, Heidelberg Church of the Brethren, and Friedens Lutheran Church in Myerstown.

God's Work, Our Hands: Sunday, September 11. As part of the annual diaper drive, there is a request for packages of diapers in all sizes, which will be distributed through Lebanon County Christian Ministries. September 11 also is the kickoff of our Warmth for Winter program to provide clothing, blankets, etc. where needed in the community. Remember to wear your God's Work Our Hands T-shirt on September 11th.

Help Wanted! Treasurer Wanted! If you are interested or know of someone who is interested in becoming the new church treasurer, please contact Jim Christman or Mike DeLong.

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering appeal: Our congregation can be a partner in LWR, working to meet the needs of our neighbors throughout the world. You can help by donating cardboard boxes (large enough to hold 2-4 quilts) or by making donations in an LWR envelope. Envelopes can be found on the tables as you enter the sanctuary. See Sue DeLong for additional information.

August - Monthly Ministry Emphasis: HOINA Homes of the Indian Nation. Thank you for your support.

Musical Gifts: Have a musical gift to share? Please contact Betsy Nolt if you would be willing to share your musical gift at a worship service during the summer months.

St. Luke History Books: \$20.00. Contact Anna Mae Grubb 717-273-7035 or mrgrubby@comcast.net.

Prayers for:

Those who are ill, recovering, or shut-in, especially:

John Adams, Claudia Addison, Carl "Red" Bakke, Brenda Boyer, Leon Boyer, Amanda Cupernall, Alexandria (Lexxi) Ditzler, Cathy Dunkelberger, Henry Fasnacht, Deb Glassmoyer, Peg Griffe, Bill Gundrum, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, Dean Hettinger, Lilly Higgins & Family, Richard and Nancy Hollen, Christopher Johnson (D Hettinger), Landon Kreider, 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, Maggie Zartman, and Ashton Zohn.

Those who are serving in the military, especially:

Timothy Beamesderfer, David Deysher, Tyler Fleagle, Shane Gettler, Steven Ginder, Matthew Plummer, Greg Rucker, and Matthew Sanders.

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.

The St. Luke Vision to Mission Team - Kit Ahnert, Richelle Deysher, Elaine Matternas, Judy Plummer, Scott Rights, and Todd Snyder.

If you need Pastoral care, please contact the church office or one of the Council Members.

