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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 4, 2022

Service of Holy Communion / Food Bank Sunday

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 Fanfare on Austrian Hymn – Setting: G. Young

Please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness:

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice,

love kindness,

and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

P: Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: WOV 781 - My life flows on in endless song

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation. *Refrain*

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *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: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the LORD; or choose death by following other gods.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possession

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: LBW 369 - The Church's One Foundation

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

- 1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.



Apostles' Creed:

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

C: 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.
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**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.

Offering Prayer:

P: Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: And also with you.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

Preface:

P: 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:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy Holy)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: 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

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

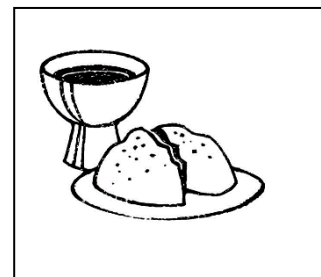


grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion:

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Please be seated



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.

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion:

P: God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing for Teachers & Students:

P. God of goodness, we give you thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education. Bless our schools, that they may be places of learning and safety, where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students.

God of wisdom, your Son came among us as a teacher. Send your blessing on all who are engaged in the work of education: give them clearness of vision and freshness of thought and enable them so to train the hearts and minds of their students that they may grow in wisdom and be prepared to face the challenges of life.

God of love, grant that teachers and students may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

Blessing:

P: God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: LBW 487 - Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978

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1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
pilgrims here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to know.

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3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
then by grace we all may win
untold fruits of his creation.
Jesus, unto you I die,
there to live with you on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken.
Jesus, since you are our head,
we are your own living members;
where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly,
living there with you forever.
Jesus, if I faithful be,
life eternal grant to me.

Sending:

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fanfare for a Festival – M. Dillon

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Welcome to St. Luke!

We are glad you have joined us today. Be sure to sign the visitor book at the back of the sanctuary if you are visiting with us. For more information, please see the “News in the Pews” in this bulletin or speak to an usher.

We hope you will join us again!

Our worshipping community:

Pastor: Rev. Angela Hammer

Minister of Music: Linda Holt

Today’s Worship Assistant: Paula Benson

Today’s Lay Reader: Mike DeLong

Next Sunday’s Worship Assistant: Sue DeLong

Next Sunday’s Lay Reader: Elaine Matternas

Live Streaming Assistant: William Hoffman

Ministers: The people of St. Luke Church

Last Week August 28

Worship Attendance: In-person: 35

Online views: 36

Offering: \$805

Connect with St. Luke:

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.

<u>This week at St. Luke</u>		
<u>Sunday, September 4</u>	8:30 AM	Holy Communion/Food Bank Sunday
	9:30 AM	Coffee Hour
	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Community Free Meal
<u>Tuesday, September 6</u>	10:00 AM	Band Together
<u>Wednesday, September 7</u>	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday, September 8</u>	10:00 AM	Band Together
	10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Angie
	11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Community Free Meal
<u>Saturday, September 10</u>	9:00AM	Coffee/Bible Study at Lititz Springs Park
<u>Next Sunday, September 11</u>	8:30 AM	Service of the Word/God's Work, Our Hands
	9:30 AM	Coffee Hour
	9:30 AM	Sunday School (Children)
	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Community Free Meal
	7:00 PM	Taizé

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 noon on Thursday.

COVID GUIDELINES: 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

Book Club:

Next meeting is on Thursday, September 22nd at 7:00pm in the Chapel. We will be discussing Mercy House by Alena Dillon. All are welcome to join for an evening of lively discussion. Mercy House is also the Lebanon County Reads selection for 2022. There will be a virtual meeting with the author on Thursday, September 15th. Tickets are \$5 for either a Zoom showing at Leedy Theater at Lebanon Valley College or a Zoom viewing from your home computer. Tickets and more information are available at the local libraries. If there are any questions, please contact Richelle Deysher.

Christian Education Opportunities:

Sunday School begins on September 11 at 9:30. The children's class will be led by Faith Thunberg, Richelle Deysher, and Sarah Kneller and will meet every week in the Chapel. The Adult class will be led by Scott Rights and will meet on the first, third, and fifth Sundays.

Community Free Meals:

Served: Thursday: 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and Sunday: 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Thank you to the Heidelberg Community Churches for helping with the Thursday meal: Zion Methodist, St. Paul's UCC, Trinity Methodist-Kleinfeltersville, Krall's Mennonite, Heidelberg Church of the Brethren, and Friedens Lutheran Church in Myerstown.

Diapers Needed!

We carry out God's Work with Our Hands during our annual Diaper Drive from now through next Sunday, September 11. We are asking you to contribute boxes or packages of diapers in all shapes and sizes. This collection, on God's Work-Our Hands Sunday, also marks the kickoff of our Warmth for Winter program that provides blankets and warm clothing to folks in our community.

Lutheran Disaster Response to flooding in Kentucky:

Please see green half sheet of paper on cabinets at entrance to the sanctuary for more information on how you can donate to the U.S. Flooding and other areas of Lutheran Disaster Response.

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 Anna Mae Grubb or Sue DeLong for additional information.

September - Monthly Ministry Emphasis:

Domestic Violence Shelter. Thank you again for your continued support.

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, Brenda Boyer, Leon Boyer, Amanda Cupernall, Alexandria (Lexxi) Ditzler, Cathy Dunkelberger, Henry Fasnacht, Deb Glassmoyer, Peg Griffe, Bill Gundrum, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, Earl Hehnlly, 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.



Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with
leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

