

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Service of The Word

Celebration of Holy Baptism



St. Luke 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.

*Welcome!*

We are glad you have joined us today.

Visitors: please sign the visitor book  
upon entering the sanctuary.

Guide to abbreviations:

**P:** spoken by the Pastor      **C:** **Congregation responds**

WOV—With One voice— blue hymnal

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship—green hymnal

\* stand as you are able

On our website (stlukelutheran.org)

you can find current events and links to our online worship services.

Direct access to our online services:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran](http://www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran),

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa](http://www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa)

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### Welcome and Announcements

#### **\*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)*

C: Amen.

**Prelude:** River Flows in You (Yiruma)

#### **Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**

LBW 523

### **Blessing of Mothers and Women Who Nurture Children**

P: On this Mother's Day, let us recognize that examples of women mothering children vary. There are those who give birth to children in the usual way, those who adopt, those who assume guardianship, those who foster, and those who nurture children as neighbors, as child care professionals, as well as teachers in our schools and Sunday Schools. May the women please rise that we may thank God for you and ask his continued blessings on you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in love you have given us the gift of women who mother us. Grant to each of them your power and grace. Strengthen them in their mothering with tenderness and understanding, with compassion and joy.

Endow them with wisdom and knowledge so that they might teach their and other children how to live and how to love; how to seek and pursue that which is right and true; how to turn away from all that is hurtful and wrong. Deepen their own faith that they might instill in their children a love for you that will sustain and keep them their whole life long. We ask this in

Jesus name,

**C: Amen**

### **\*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:**

Please see Celebrate insert

**Special Music:** Hey Jude (Beatles) J.P. Welliver, pianist

## **WORD**

### **God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song**

The scriptures are printed on the Celebrate insert

**First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

**Psalm 1** Read responsively

**Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13**

The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

**\*Gospel: John 17:6-19**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### **The Message**

**Hymn of the Day:** Children of the Heavenly Father LBW 474

## **Baptism of June Jacqueline Funari**

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have June baptized into Christ?

*Response: We do.*

P: As you bring June to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help June grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response: We do.*

P: Do you promise to nurture June in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response: We do.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

P: People of God, do you promise to support June  
and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **Profession of faith**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,  
reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* We renounce them.

*Pastor addresses the assembly.*

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## **Thanksgiving at the font**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

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

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **Baptism**

P: June, I baptize you in the name of the Father,+  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

P: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain June with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: June, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Welcome

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Hymn:** I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

WOV 721

**Solo:** Song for Holy Baptism

Sarah Kneller and Betsy Nolt

**\*Prayers of Intercession:** Please see Celebrate insert

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,**

## SENDING

**God sends us boldly into the world to share the good news**

### **\*Blessing:**

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:** How Great Thou Art

LBW 532

### **\*Sending:**

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude



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**Our worshipping community:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Angela Hammer      **Minister of Music:** Linda Holt

**Ministers:** The People of St. Luke      **Pianist:** JP Welliver

**Live Streaming Technician:** William Hoffman      **Technical Assistant:** Beverly Hoffman

**Worship Asst today:** Mike DeLong      **Worship Asst next week:** Sarah Kneller

**Lay Reader today:** Richelle Deysher      **Lay Reader next week:** Donna Moyer

Attendance 5/5:      In person: 37      Online: 50      Offering: \$4,311



This morning we welcome into our family of faith through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, June Jacqueline Funari. June is the daughter of Joe & Hillary Funari, grand daughter of Scott & Betsy Rights.

*The altar flowers are presented by Scott and Betsy Rights in honor of mothers past, present and future.*

*The Rose bud is in honor of June Jacqueline daughter of Joe and Hillary Funari.*



Summer Worship Schedule begins on June 2  
Combined services with St. Paul in Penryn  
9:00 AM Sunday Service  
June 2—St. Luke  
June 9—St. Paul  
June 16—St. Luke  
June 23—St. Paul  
June 30—St. Luke

## This week and beyond at St. Luke

### Sunday, May 12 - Easter 36

8:30 AM Service of the Word  
9:30 AM Coffee Hour  
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)  
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

### Monday, May 13

7:00 PM WELCA

### Tuesday, May 14

10:00 AM Band Together

### Wednesday, May 15

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 16

10:00 AM Band Together  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Community Free Meal

### Next Sunday, May 19—Day of Pentecost

8:30 AM Service of Holy Communion  
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children/Adults)  
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

### Monday, May 20

6:30 PM Council Meeting

### Tuesday, May 21

10:00 AM Band Together

### Wednesday, May 22

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, May 23

10:00 AM Band Together  
11:30 AM-1:00 PM Community Free Meal  
6:30 PM Beer and Bible

## NEWS IN OUR PEWS

### The Backyard at St. Paul in Penryn: Upcoming Events

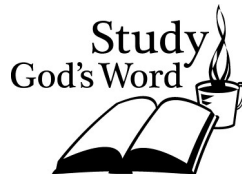
The Backyard ministry is a way in which we can gather safely as a community. Our events are all family friendly, dog friendly, and welcoming to all. Donations of food and all money that is collected at events is fully donated to support our food ministry program.

**May 18** – Cornhole Tournament (benefits the Penryn Food Pantry and the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central PA)

**June 22** – Open Mic Night



**Beer & Bible:** A Thursday evening monthly meeting at the Franklin House for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Upcoming dates: 5/23, 6/13, 7/11, 8/15.



### Bible Study—Thursday morning ZOOM:

Join Pastor Angie online to look at the texts coming up for the Sunday lectionary. A ZOOM link will be emailed out the week of each study. Contact the church office to be added to the email invitation. Upcoming dates: 5/24, 6/6, 6/27, 7/11, 8/22.



**Book Club:** The next meeting is on Thursday, June 13th at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. We will be discussing *The Echo of Old Books: A Novel*, by Barbara Davis. All are welcome to come and join the discussion.



**Coffee Hour:** Volunteers welcomed, please sign up in narthex.

**Continuing Education:** Pastor Angie will be in Pittsburgh for a continuing education conference, May 13-May 17. Pastoral emergencies can be directed to Rev. Scott Paradise at 540-335-1693.



**Constitution Review:** It's time for a review of our congregational constitution. Pastor Angie plans to begin the review process this summer. We are looking for 3-4 people who are detail oriented to assist with the review process. This work is tedious, not particularly fun, but it is necessary and important. Pastor Angie will do her best to make this work as fun as possible! Please see Pastor Angie or a council member if you feel called to serve in this capacity.



**Ministry Emphasis for May:** Lebanon Rescue Mission

**Share your musical gifts!** Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday at 7:00 PM.  
Contact Linda Holt for more information.



**Summer Music at St. Luke:** While the choir is on summer break; if you have a musical talent that you would like to share at the services held at St. Luke, please contact Betsy Nolt. Let everything that hath breath—praise the Lord!



**Volunteers Needed for Food Ministries:** With the growing relationship between St Luke and St. Paul in Penryn, we are able to combine our food ministries to help support people in more ways. The Penryn food pantry is often left with extra produce at the food pantry. We would like to establish a volunteer schedule to transport the extra produce from the Penryn food pantry to St Luke to share with the people who come to the community meals on Sunday evenings and Thursday afternoons. We will be planning on alternating the produce transportation between Penryn and St Luke on a monthly basis. Volunteers would simply pick the produce up at St. Paul on Sunday and deliver it to St Luke. There will be people at St. Paul who are able to help volunteers load produce into their cars, if needed, as well as unload at St Luke.

The other volunteer opportunity that we have is a volunteer coordinator who will schedule the volunteers for St Luke's on the St Luke months. We ask that you prayerfully consider if one of these important volunteer opportunities might be a good fit for you to become involved in these food ministries that are truly God's work





### Ascension of our Lord – was this past Thursday, May 9

Jesus has been raised from the dead and has appeared in a variety of ways to convince people of God's power. On Ascension Day, Jesus is taken to heaven, but not without promises and action plans for those who remain. Wait here! (Ready?) You will receive power to be witnesses throughout the whole earth. You will receive a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God. You will receive an inheritance. (Set . . .) You will know hope. You, the church, are Christ Jesus' body, even as his body disappears from sight. (Go!)

It's like a holy game of tag in which Jesus tags followers, saying, "You're it. Now, you're *me* in the world." These are words we gather in worship to wait for, and we don't have long to wait. As we dip fingers in the font, we touch promises. We're a part of Christ's family. As we meet at the table, we taste promises. We become Christ's body. And next Sunday is Pentecost—Holy Spirit, come—this is the one who comes as promised, to call, bring together, inspire, and make holy.

These promises connected to Jesus' ascension result in the biblical stories about followers who worship, bless God, gain hopeful attitudes and a sense of mission. The two men in white robes urged those gazing up toward heaven to get going! We also need a similar prompt: This living Jesus comes the same way as you saw him go. So watch for the presence of Christ, powerfully making the church his body. Watch for the presence of Christ, whenever the church pours itself out in love for others. As we come to know him and the hope to which he has called us, may we have open minds, enlightened hearts, and be clothed with power from on high. (From Sundays and Seasons)

## *Prayers for:*

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

John Adams, Marilyn Adams, Claudia Addison, Brenda 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, Richard Lesher, Ken Light, Donald and Sue McClure, Steven McCracken, Casey McGarvey, Dana McKinney, Maureen Marinkov, Harold (Spike) Moore, Howard Moore, Brian Navarre, Kathy O'Roark, Ruth Parson, George Pastore, Ronald Ream, Lance Rhodes, Landon Rhodes, Al Shade, Barry Shriver, Lloyd Smith, Richard Strohl, Caitlyn, Gretta and Mike Stuber, Robert Todisco, Landis Wenger, Josephine Wenrich, Janet Wharton, Josie Williams, Eddie Wolfe, Marian Yoder, Ashton Zohn.



### **Those who are serving in the military, especially:**

Timothy Beamesderfer, David Deysher, Tyler Fleagle, Shane Gettler, Steven Ginder, Matthew Plummer, Greg Rocker.

### **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, Women's Shelter, Lancaster/Lebanon Habitat for Humanity, Lebanon Rescue Mission, Support Connections of Lebanon County, St. Paul's Penryn, Our Bishops: James S. Dunlop and Elizabeth Eaton and their staff.

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

**Please notify the church office and Pastor Angie when the prayer chain is activated and for pastoral care & emergencies.**

**For revisions to the above list, please contact the church office.**

