

May 19, 2024



Service of Holy Communion

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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,

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa

GATHERING

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn: O Spirit of Life WOV 680

***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

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

The scriptures are printed on the Celebrate insert

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 104:34-34, 35b

Read responsively

Ministry of Music: Choir: Sweet Spirit of God

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th and 16th chapters.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel:** John 15:15-27; 16:4b-15

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

Hymn of the Day: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness WOV 684

***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.

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

Prayers of Intercession: see Celebrate insert

***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.

***Offering Prayer:**

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ



***Great Thanksgiving:**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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.

***Eucharistic Prayer:**

P: 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.

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**

*** Invitation to Communion**

P. The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

***Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**



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



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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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:**

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***Prayer after Communion:**

P: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



SENDING

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

Blessing of Soil, Seed, and Water

L: Praise be to God!

C: O give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

L: Bless the seasons of planting and harvesting, O God.

C: We call out to you to hear us.

L: Scatter your blessing upon the face of the earth and its inhabitants,

C: And rain your nurturing goodness upon all creation.

L: Provide favorable weather that our labors may not be hindered nor the fruits of the earth fail.

C: We call out to you to hear us.

L: Bless our hearts, that in thankfulness we may give you praise, and joyfully share with others the blessings of your bounty;

C: that we may walk before you in faith and love all the days of our life.

L: This soil is symbolic of the earth of this community into which the seed is planted. This soil, created by God, contains all that is necessary to nourish the seed, that it may bring forth sturdy plants producing food. This soil will be watered by the rains of God. It will be warmed by the sunshine of God. It will be a home for the seed, that it may develop and burst forth an abundant harvest. This soil is holy earth and shall be cultivated and cared for as a holy gift of God.

This seed is symbolic of the various types of seed that have been or shall be sown and planted in this community. When sown it shall bring forth fruit and food so that all people may be nurtured and nourished, so that the wheels of industry may turn, so that life may be maintained. This seed is holy, for it contains God's holy gift of life.

This water is symbolic of water sent from God in the form of flood and rain. It will help to sustain the soil and grow the seed. This water is holy, for it helps to sustain all that our holy God has gifted with life.



P: O Lord our God, author and giver of all good things, you have ordained the earth to bring forth food for all your creatures and human children. Bless the seed, the soil, the rain, and all the resources of the earth given for the good of all people and the furtherance of your creative Kingdom.

Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Look with compassion upon us O Lord and bless the labors of the hands of your servants in all occupations; that the fruits of their labors may be the furtherance of the welfare of all humanity, and the furtherance of Christ's way of life in all the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Grant unto us seasonable weather. Cause your sun to shine, and let your rain and dew refresh the ground, that the fruits of the earth may be matured, our gardens and fields may be filled with all good fruits, and that there may be an abundance of food. Grant that we may share the fruits of the earth none of your creatures and children will know hunger.

Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: We thank you for the seed of faith that you have planted in us, and we ask that, through your church's faithful witness to you in word and sacrament, the seed of faith may be planted in all people. Send your Holy Spirit to water the seed of faith in your people, that it may grow and bear the fruit of the Spirit, which is joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and love of you and our neighbors.

Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

P: Send your gentle healing rain and warming sun on those who grieve or are ill or dying, that they may be restored to us or drawn into your care as fruits like the first fruit, Jesus raised from the dead, to be eternally with you and your people, especially those we now name in voice or heart...

(pause for speaking of names).

Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

Sending to Sow the Gospel/Benediction

P: Let us go into the world in Faith.

C: Trusting God to lead us, trusting people to receive us.

P: Let us go into the world in Hope.

C: With God's presence before us and our dreams to carry us.

P: Let us go into the world in Love.

C: Serving with and loving God and neighbor; loving those in whom Christ lives, and laboring on behalf of and loving those for whom the risen Jesus brings the promise of new life.

P: Let us go into the world.

C: Thanks be to God!

*Closing Hymn: O Holy Spirit, Root of Life WOV 688

*Sending:

P: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

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

Worship Assistant: Sarah Kneller

Worship Assistant next week: Jake Werner **Leader for S/S/W:** Sharon Reber

Today's Lay Reader: Donna Moyer **Lay Reader next week:** Anna Mae Grubb

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

Attendance 5/12: In person: 57 Online: 62 Offering: \$1,346

The altar flowers are presented by Sarah Kneller in loving memory of her Aunt Jean Mock's birthday.

This week at St. Luke

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

Next Sunday, May 26 - The Holy Trinity

8:30 AM Service of Holy Communion
9:30 AM Coffee Hour
5:30 PM-7:00 PM Community Free Meal

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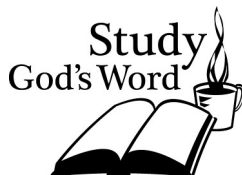
Anna Mae Grubb	to the Glory of God
William and Beverly Hoffman	in honor of their sons, William & Christopher and their parents, and in thanks for God's abundant love
Ed and Joan Miller	in memory of family
Donna Moyer	in memory of Scott Moyer, Franklin & Elizabeth Moyer and Horace & Esther Behney
Betsy Nolt	in memory of Tom
Mike and Sharon Reber	in honor of our parents
Sandy Smith	in memory of George

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. Next event is on 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. On June 2, there will be a brunch following the first combined summer service at 9:00 AM. Coffee Hour will be held on all Sundays the services are at St. Luke.

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.



Memorial Day Service: A service will be held at 11:00 AM in the cemetery by the flagpole. The rain location is in the church.



Ministry Emphasis for May: Lebanon Rescue Mission

Share your musical gifts over the summer 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.

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 Leshner, 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 Deysner, 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 Deysner, 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.

