

# **St. Luke Lutheran Church**

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May 4, 2025

Service of the Word

Third Sunday of Easter





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

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

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

#### **\*Call to Worship**

L: Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed!**

L: Risen Christ, you come to us,  
hidden and unrecognized, and you bless us.

**C: We greet you with awe and wonder.**

L: You give us your gifts, and nourish our souls.

**C: We welcome you with gratitude and joy.**

L: You give us the spirit of your peace, and call us to love.

**C: We serve you with faith and hope. Alleluia!**

#### **\*Gathering Prayer**

L. God of love, you have raised Christ from the dead, yet we don't recognize the Beloved among us. Speak to us and awaken our hearts. Open our eyes to see your presence, to hear your call, and to follow you, in the power of your Spirit of love.

**C. Amen.**

Opening Hymn: The Church of Christ in Every Age

LBW 433

**\*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

Please see Celebrate insert

**First Reading:** Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 30**

Read responsively

**Second Reading:** Revelation 5:11-14

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the twenty-first chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel: John 21:1-19**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Ministry Highlights and Hymn Sing

### **\*Apostles' Creed:**

P: United by the Holy Spirit, let us profess our faith in 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**

Please 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.

*(Please share a sign of peace with each other)*

*Be Welcome...  
and Worship  
with Us!*

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**

#### **SENDING**

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

#### **\*Blessing**

L: Holy One, blessed by your presence and fed by your love, we give you thanks. You have drawn up from the depths of mystery gifts we did not know we have. Send us now in the power of those gifts to feed your sheep, to tend your Beloved, to live for the well-being of all who long for life, in the name and the Spirit and the presence of the risen Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story**

**LBW 390**

#### **\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live in hope!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

Attendance/Offering 4/27/25

In person: 56   Online Plays: 151   Offering: \$3,652

**Our worshipping community:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Angela Hammer    **Interim Musician:** J.P. Welliver

**Ministers:** The People of St. Luke

**Worship Assistants:** Andrea McAllister

**Worship Asst 5/11:** Betsy Rights

**Today's Lay Reader:** Faith Thunberg

**Lay Reader 5/11:** Richelle Deysher

**Seminarian Field Student:** Wendy Harrison

**Live Streaming Technician:** William Hoffman

**Technical Assistant:** Beverly Hoffman

**Easter 3**

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others

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## **This week at St. Luke**

### **Sunday, May 4—Easter 3**

8:30 AM	Service of the Word
9:30 AM	Sunday School (Children/Adults)
5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Community Free Meal

### **Monday, May 5**

7:00 PM	Lions
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### **Tuesday, May 6**

10:00 AM	Band Together
11:00 AM	Worship and Music Meeting

### **Thursday, May 8**

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

### **Next Sunday, May 11—Easter 4**

8:30 AM	Service of Word and Sacrament with Pastor Emmanuel visiting
9:30 AM	Sunday School (Children)

#### **VANCO:**

Online giving is available using this QR code or on the church website.

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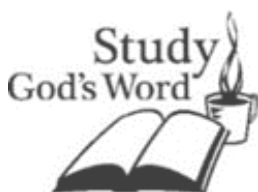




## NEWS IN OUR PEWS

Band Together: meetings Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00-11:00 AM in the Chapel. Contact Sue DeLong for additional information.

Beer & Bible: A Thursday evening monthly meeting for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Join us on May 22 and June 19 at 6:30PM. The location will be announced at a later date.



Bible Study—Thursday morning ZOOM: Join Pastor Angie online on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM to explore the texts coming up for the Sunday lectionary. A ZOOM link will be emailed out the week of each study. Upcoming dates are: May 22, June 12 and June 26.

Book Club: Next meeting of the Book Club will be on Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. We will be discussing: *I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys. All are invited to attend. Please contact Richelle Deysher with any questions.



Cornhole Tournament: Join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual cornhole tournament on Saturday, May 31 beginning at 5:00 PM. The cost is \$30/team, double elimination. Food truck and beer by donation. 100% of the proceeds benefit the Penryn Food Pantry. Call the St. Paul church office (717.665.6093) to register.



Ingathering Boxes needed for quilts: Please donate your boxes for packing quilts. The ideal size is 18-in W x 16-in H x 18-in. See Sue DeLong for questions.

Ministry Emphasis for May: Lutheran Camping Corporation and WELCA Batting (checks for batting payable to WELCA).



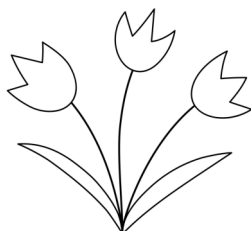
Spring Cleaning: Please lend a hand for Inside Spring Cleaning on Saturday May 17 at 9:00 AM. Pizza lunch at 1:00 PM.



Women of the ELCA: Meetings are on the second Monday of every month (excluding summer months). The meeting time is 7:00 PM in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Worship Assistants and Money Counters: Would you like to be a worship assistant or a money counter? St. Luke needs you! If you feel called to help with worship, which includes lighting the candles on some Sundays, counting attendees, and assisting Pastor Angie with communion – there is opportunity for you to serve! If you would like to help count money after church – there is opportunity for you to serve! You do not have to be on church council to be a worship assistant and/or a money counter. You can do both or just one. You will be properly trained for both areas of service and be part of a team. Please contact Pastor Angie, Karen Stump, or Mike DeLong if you are interested in learning more!



## *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, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, Barbara Hehnly, Dean Hettinger, Lilly Higgins & Family, Richard and Nancy Hollen, Christopher Johnson (D Hettinger), Landon Kreider, Richard Leshner, Donald and Sue McClure, Steven McCracken, Casey McGarvey, Dana McKinney, Maureen Marinkov, 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 and Gretta 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:** David Deysher, Tyler Fleagle, Shane Gettler, Steven Ginder, 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

