

# **St. Luke Lutheran Church**

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Service of the Word

First Sunday in Lent





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: In this season of Lent we journey with Christ in the wilderness.

**C: We journey from death to life.**

L: We let go of our fears and desires and embrace God.

**C: We worship Yahweh our God, and serve the Holy One alone.**

L: We turn to you, O God, and surrender our lives to you.

**C: By your grace, grant us life.**

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

L: God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season of Lent, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to your blessing, and give of ourselves to others in love.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** The Glory of These Forty Days    WOV 657

#### **\*Apostolic Greeting**

L: 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.**

#### **\*Prayer of the Day**

Please see Celebrate insert

<p><b>WORD</b> God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song</p>
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Please see Celebrate insert

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16**

Read responsively

**Ministry of Music:** Choir: Lenten Prayer

**Second Reading:** Romans 10:8b-13

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

**\*Gospel:** Luke 4:1-13

**L:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Message**

Seminarian: Wendy Harrison

**Hymn of the Day:** Jesus, Refuge of the Weary      LBW 93

**\*Apostles' Creed:**

L: 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:**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us share his peace with one another.

*(Congregation may share the peace with a gesture)*

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

L: God, 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: The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you  
with compassion, and send you in love.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn:**      Amazing Grace      LBW 448

**\*Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Live in hope!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

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Attendance/Offering: 3/2/25

In person: 40   Online Plays: 77   Offering: \$2,178

### **Our worshipping community:**

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

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

**Worship Assistants:** Karen Stump

**W.A. next week:** Betsy Rights

**Today's Lay Reader:** Dolly Fasnacht

**Lay Reader next week:** Elaine Matternas

**Seminarian Field Student:** Wendy Harrison

**Live Streaming Technician:** William Hoffman

**Technical Assistant:** Beverly Hoffman

### **Mid Week Services**

#### **Supper (6:00PM) and Services (7:00PM)**

March 12—Trinity United Methodist, Kleinfeltersville  
with Pastor Farrell.

March 19—Krall's Mennonite with Pastor Kinter

March 26—St. Luke with Pastor Kinter

April 2—Zion United Methodist, Pastor TBD

April 8—St. Paul UCC with Pastor Dave Martin



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

### **Sunday, March 9—Lent 1**

8:30 AM Service of the Word  
9:30 AM Coffee Hour and  
VANCO information session  
5:30 PM-6:30 PM Community Free Meal

### **Monday, March 10**

7:00 PM WELCA

### **Tuesday, March 11**

10:00 AM Band Together

### **Wednesday, March 12**

9:00-2:00 PM LWR Quilting  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
6:00/7:00 Meal/Service: Trinity UMC  
(see page 7)

### **Thursday, February 20**

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

### **Next Sunday, March 16—Lent 2**

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

### **VANCO Q & A**

Today at 9:30AM.

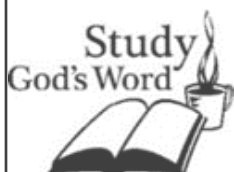
VANCO is our new online  
given program.

You can access the link on the  
church website or by  
using the QR code.



## 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 March 20 and April 24 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. Contact the church office to be added to the email. Next dates: March 13 and 27.

Book Club: Next meeting is on Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. We will be discussing *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. All are welcome to join us for a great discussion. Please contact Richelle Deysher with any questions.



**Happy Birthday**



Card Shower: Happy Birthday to Warren Hetrick who will be 102 on March 16! Send your birthday wishes to 350 Charles St. Lebanon, 17042

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



Church Office Closed This Week: The Church office will not be open this week since John is taking an intensive course. John will be in the office on Saturday, March 15 from 9:00-12:00. Emails and phone messages will still be monitored.



Easter Lily orders: Orders for Easter Lily plants are due Sunday, March 30. The plants will have 5-6 blooms. Cost is \$15/each. Order forms are available in the narthex.



Ministry Emphasis for March:

Guatemala (Tree 4 Hope)

Online Giving Information: During Coffee Hour today, there will be an information session to learn about online giving through the Vanco Portal. Online giving is already up and running. Please visit our church website and click on the Offering tab in the upper right corner.



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.

### First Sunday in Lent

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.



## *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

