

# **St. Luke Lutheran Church**

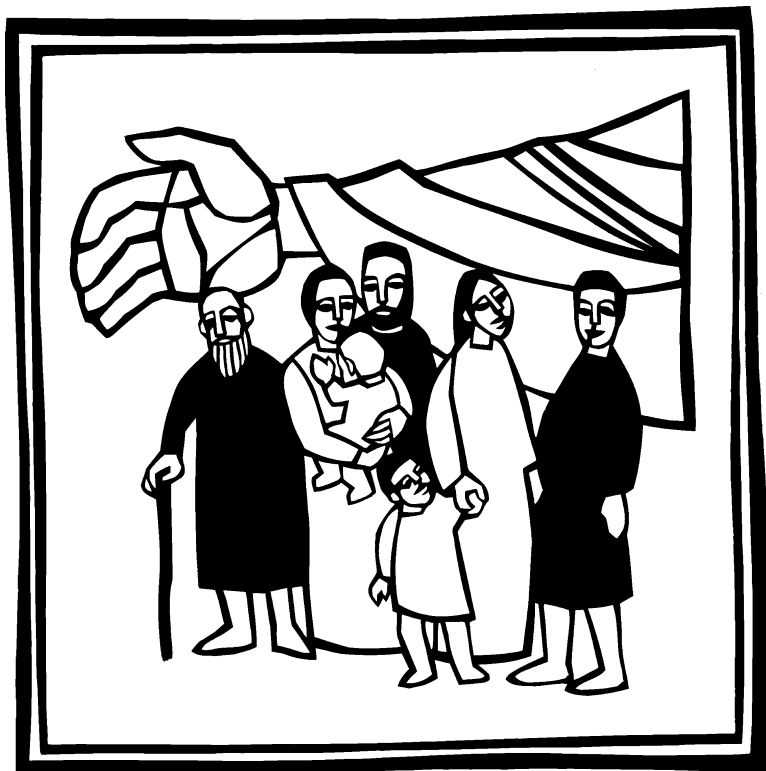
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March 16, 2025

Service of Holy Communion

Second 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

#### Confession and Forgiveness:

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives**

**and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

**Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✙ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

**C: Amen**

**Opening Hymn:** I Want Jesus to Walk With Me WOV 660

**\*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:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalms 27** Read responsively

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:17-4:1

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

**\*Gospel:** Luke 13:31-35

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day: Beneath the Cross of Jesus LBW 107

**\*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.

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

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

**\*Offering Prayer:**

P: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our 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 for Lent:**

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.

**\*Eucharistic Prayer:**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed  
one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.  
**C: Amen**



P: 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

### **\* Invitation to Communion**

P: All who are hungry, come. The feast of grace is prepared.

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away 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: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING**

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

### **\*Blessing:**

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The God of all grace ✙ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:** Christ the Life of all the Living      LBW 97

### **\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Christ in with you!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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Attendance/Offering 3/9/25

In person: 30 Online Plays: 41 Offering: \$668

**Our worshipping community:**

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

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

**Worship Assistants:** Betsy Rights

**Worship Asst 3/23:** Andrea McAllister

**Today's Lay Reader:** Elaine Matternas

**Lay Reader 3/23:** Sarah Kneller

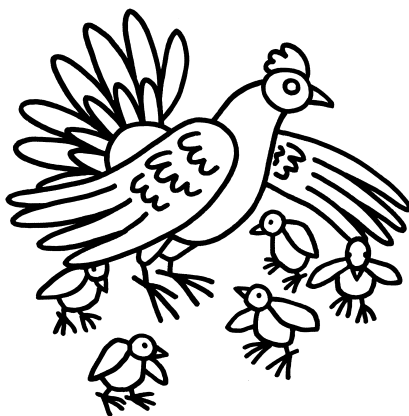
**Seminarian Field Student:** Wendy Harrison

**Live Streaming Technician:** William Hoffman

**Technical Assistant:** Beverly Hoffman

**Lent 2**

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."



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

### **Sunday, March 16—Lent 2**

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

### **Monday, March 17**

6:30 PM Council Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 18**

10:00 AM Band Together

### **Wednesday, March 19**

6:00/7:00 PM Lenten Supper/Service (see pg. 15)  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 20**

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

### **Next Sunday, March 23**

8:30 AM Combined Service of Word and  
Sacrament with St. Paul's at St. Luke.  
9:30 AM Coffee Hour  
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)  
5:30 PM-6:30 PM Community Free Meal

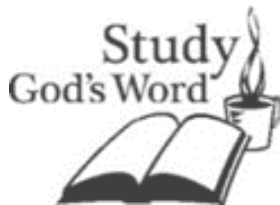
If you would like to submit your offering online, please use the VANCO giving link to the right or go onto the church website and click on the offering tab in the upper right corner.



## 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 date is March 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.

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 – come share your musical gifts!

Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday at 7:00 PM.  
Contact Linda Holt for more information.



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: 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.



Wednesday Midweek Community Lenten Gathering  
Supper (6:00PM) and Services (7:00PM).

March 19—Krall's Mennonite with Pastor Kinter

March 26—St. Luke with Pastor Kinter

April 2—Zion United Methodist, preaching pastor TBD

April 9—St. Paul UCC with Pastor Dave Martin



## *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

