

**St. Luke Lutheran Church**

**and**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

*Worshiping Together*

April 27, 2025

Service of Holy Communion

Second Sunday of Easter





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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](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

#### \*Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

#### **C. Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of ✙ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** Thine is the Glory LBW 145

**\*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

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

**First Reading:** Acts 5:27-32

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalms 118:14-29** Read responsively

**Second Reading:** Revelation 1:4-8

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.  
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

**\*Gospel:** John 20:19-31

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**The Message**

The Rev. Angela Hammer

**Hymn of the Day:** We Walk by Faith

WOV 375

**\*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!*

**\*Communion Prayer:**

P: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through 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 Easter:**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

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)**

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:

**C: 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.

**C: 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.  
**C: 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: 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: This is Christ's table, and he is the host of this meal.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who would like to  
have more; you who have been here often and you who have  
not been here for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus,  
and you who have failed. Come! Christ promises to meet us  
here.

### **\*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: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love and  
serve the world in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**\*Blessing:**

P: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you  
by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn:** On Our Way Rejoicing

LBW 260

**\*Sending:**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

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Attendance/Offering 4/20/25

In person: 55 Online Plays: 134 Offering: \$1,115

**Our worshipping community:**

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

**Ministers:** The People of Our Church

**Worship Assistants:** Betsy Rights

**Worship Asst 5/4:** Andrea McAllister

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

**Lay Reader 5/4:** Faith Thunberg

**Seminarian Field Student:** Wendy Harrison

**Live Streaming Technician:** William Hoffman

**Technical Assistant:** Beverly Hoffman

**Easter 2**

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

**Join us at 9:30 for a presentation on the Guatemala Trip**

St. Luke Women of the ELCA is hosting coffee hour and a basket raffle to benefit Tree 4 Hope.

Tree 4 Hope is a nonprofit organization committed to providing a bright future of long term hope for children and their families in Guatemala, and around the world.

Members who went on the Guatemala trip will also be speaking today.

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

### **Sunday, April 27—Easter 2**

- 8:30 AM Combined Service of Word and  
Sacrament—Welcome St. Paul Church
- 9:30 AM Coffee Hour with WELCA  
Guatemala Trip Presentation
- 9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)
- 5:30 PM-6:30 PM Community Free Meal

### **Tuesday, April 29**

- 10:00 AM Band Together

### **Thursday, May 1**

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

### **Next Sunday, May 4**

- 8:30 AM Service of the Word
- 5:30 PM-6:30 PM Community Free Meal

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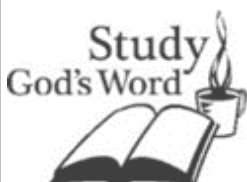
Online Giving QR Link

Online giving is already up  
and running. Please visit  
our 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 May 22 and June 19 at 6:30PM.

The location will be announced.

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. Upcoming dates are: May 8 and 22 & June 12 and 26.

Book Club: Next meeting of the Book Club will 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.

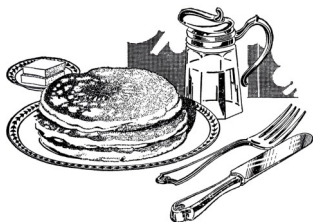


Graduate Recognition: Please let the church office know by May 1 if you are graduating this year. We are planning to recognize our graduates at an upcoming service.

Ministry Emphasis for April: Lutheran Camping Corporation and/or Batting for Quilts. Make batting checks payable to WELCA



Mother's Day Breakfast: You are invited to an all-you-can-eat Breakfast Buffet hosted by St. Luke WELCA on May 3rd at 9:30 AM at the Country Fare Restaurant. Join us for fun, fellowship, games, and door prizes. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$8 for children, and children under 3 are free. Sign-up is due today, please see Faith Thunberg if you are interested.



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. QR code is on page 12.

Spring Cleaning: Please lend a hand for Spring cleaning inside the church. 9:00 AM with a 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 Pastor Angie, Karen Stump, or Mike DeLong if you are interested in learning more!

*Thank you Linda  
for your gift of  
music to  
St. Luke Church!*

*Blessings  
on your future!*



## *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

