

St. Luke Lutheran Church

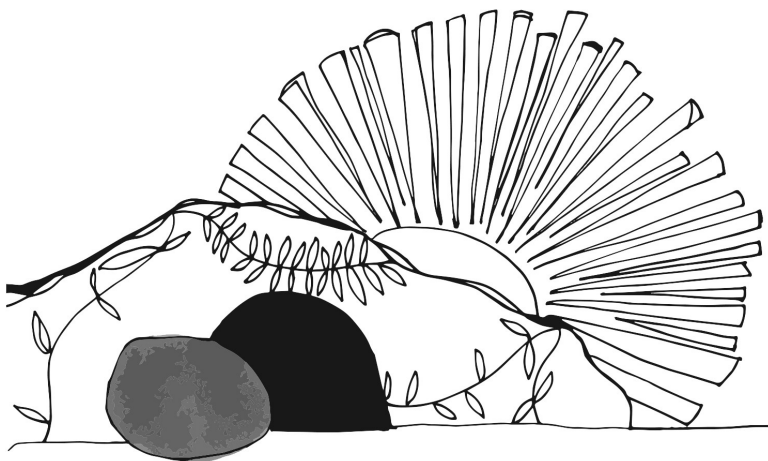
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April 20, 2025

Resurrection of
Our Lord

Service of
Holy Communion



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:** Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

LBW 131

***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

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Read responsively

Ministry of Music: Choir: Lord of Glory

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Luke 24:1-12**

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

The Message

The Rev. Angela Hammer

Hymn of the Day: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
LBW 143

***Nicene Creed**

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C. We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

cont.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

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)

***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, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosana. Hosana. Hosana in the highest.

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

P: 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.

P: 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:** Jesus Christ is Risen Today LBW 151

***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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Our worshipping community:

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

Worship Assistant: Karen Stump

Worship Assistant next week: Betsy Rights

Lay Reader: Sarah Kneller

Next Sunday's Lay Reader: Dolly Fasnacht

Live Streaming Technician: William Hoffman

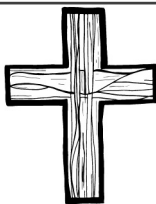
Technical Assistant: Beverly Hoffman

Ministers: The people of our Church

Our attendance and offering—April 13

Attendance: In-person: 37 Online: 106 Offering: \$2,318

*The altar flowers are presented by Anna Mae Grubb
to wish everyone a blessed Easter.*



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St. Luke ministries!



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Given by Wendy Harrison
In memory of Phil Behm and Sheila Ricarrdi

Given by Dale Zartman
In memory of Dottie Zartman

This week at St. Luke

Sunday, April 20—Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 AM Easter Dawn Service (Cemetery)
(light breakfast between services)
8:00 AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
5:30 PM-6:30 PM Community Free Meal

Monday, April 21

6:30 PM Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 22

10:00 AM Band Together

Wednesday, April 23

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4

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

Next Sunday, April 27—Easter 2

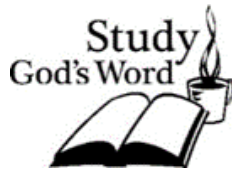
8:30 AM Combined Service at St. Luke
Welcome St. Paul, Penryn
9:30 AM WELCA Raffle and Coffee Hour
5:30 PM-6:30 PM Community Free Meal



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 at the Franklin House for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Next date is this Thursday at 6:30 PM.



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. Coming this Thursday at 10:00 AM.



Book Club: The next meeting of the Book Club will be announced in upcoming bulletins.



Coffee Hour: Volunteers welcomed! Please sign up in narthex.

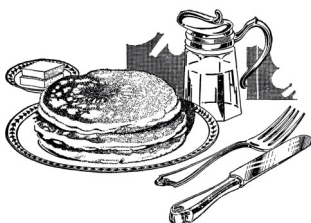
Graduate Recognition: Please let the church office know by May 1 if you are graduating this year. We are planning to recognize our graduates at an upcoming service.



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

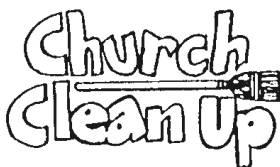


Mother's Day Breakfast: You are invited to an all-you-can-eat Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet hosted by St. Luke Women of the ELCA on May 3rd at 9:30 AM at the Country Fare Restaurant. Join us for fun, fellowship, games, and door prizes. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$8 for children, and children under 3 are free. Please sign up in the St. Luke's narthex or chapel, or text/e-mail Faith Thunberg by Sunday, April 27th. 717-202-9860 or Thunberg12@comcast.net.



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 10.

Spring Cleaning: Please lend a hand for Spring cleaning around the church. 9:00 AM with a pizza lunch at 1:00 PM. Inside: Saturday, May 17



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.



St. Luke Women of the ELCA is hosting coffee hour and a basket raffle to benefit Tree 4 Hope on Sunday, April 27th. 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. April 27th will be a joint service at St. Luke Schaefferstown with St. Paul Penryn. The members who went on the Guatemala trip will also be speaking at coffee hour. If you would like to donate a basket to be raffled off or have any questions, please contact Faith Thunberg at 717-202-9860 or at thunberg12@comcast.net. Thanks in advance for supporting this worthy mission!

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 Deysher, 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 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.

