



St. Luke Lutheran Church in Schaefferstown
Fifth Sunday of Pentecost - June 27, 2021
Contemporary Worship Service

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Our 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.

HEALTH QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FOR ATTENDEES:

Please Do Not Stay If You Answer Yes to the Following Questions:

1. Do you have a cough, fever or flu-like symptoms? (some flu-like symptoms could be: fatigue, chills, fever, muscle pain, cough, headache, sore throat) – **if yes, please go home and call your Doctor**
2. Have you had a COVID-19 test in the past 10 days? – **if yes, please do not stay**
3. Have you come in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 10 days? – **if yes, please do not stay**

Stay at Your Own Risk If You Answer Yes to the Following Question:

Are you over age 65 and or someone with any underlying health issues (diabetes, lung disease, hypertension, kidney disease or a decreased immune system)? – if yes, stay at your own risk

Being Mindful of Others: Masks, Distancing, and Other Mitigation Protocols

So that we may safely worship together, please follow these steps with due diligence to mitigate the possibility of spreading illness.

If person is fully vaccinated - no mask needed unless person wishes to continue to wear a mask.

If person is unvaccinated or has received 1 dose of a 2 dose vaccine - mask is still required.

Social distancing is still required if not a member of the same household.

Please use hand sanitizer upon arrival (dispenser is on the table by the stairway).

Please take bulletins home.

Please place Offerings in the receptacle on the table by the stairway – Thank you!!

Only the leading musicians will sing.

Passing the peace will take place with gestures.

Please bring a cracker or piece of bread from home on Communion Sundays (1st and 3rd Sundays).

Greetings and Announcements

Gathering Song All Is Well Page 44

He lowers us to raise us So we can sing His praises Whatever is His way all is well

He makes us rich and poor That we might trust Him more Whatever is His way all is well

Pre-Chorus

All my changes come from Him He who never changes

I'm held firm in the grasp Of the Rock of all the ages

Chorus

All is well with my soul He is God in control I know not all His plans But I know I'm in His hands

He clothes us now then strips us Yet with His Word equips us Whatever is His way all is well
We still exalt His Name Whatever is His way all is well

Ending

I'm in His hands I'm in His hands

CCLI Song # 5462731 Claire Hamilton | Johnny Parks

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Call to Worship

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

C: So God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

C: So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward son,

C: So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

C: Let us receive, welcome, and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ, our prodigal Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Word

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Loving God, as we worship you today let not our hearts be as hard as stone,

C: but make us soft and pliable as clay.

Let not our minds be armored as a fortress

C: but make us as open as an archway.

Let us not cling to preconceived assumptions,

C: but relax our hands, that we let go of all that enslaves us.

Set us free to embrace whatever furthers your kingdom in this time and place.

C: Change our hearts and renew our spirits. Set us spiritually afloat in your stream of life, that we flow with your Spirit as a fallen leaf floats lightly on the surface; yet may we be strongly rooted in your Word, like a fruitful tree planted along and watered by the stream of your grace and truth. Amen.

Song: ELW #612 Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. (Refrain)

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. (Refrain)

Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. (Refrain)

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
 Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. (Refrain)

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from

hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Message

Reflection Song ELW#733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (*Refrain*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (*Refrain*)

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An Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith.

**C: Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. A star marked your humble birth,
And God said at your baptism,
"This is my Son, the Beloved..."**

Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God.
 Unlike other teachers, you taught with authority.
 You healed the sick, opened blind eyes,
 And called the dead to life.
 The disciples saw you walking on the sea,
 And they proclaimed, "Truly you are the Son of God."
 They saw you transfigured on the mountain,
 and heard God say, "This is my Son...listen to him!"

Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God.
 You entered Jerusalem with crowds shouting hosannas.
 You heard the "Hosannas" turn to "Let him be crucified!"
 And you died with the centurion's witness of,
 "Truly this man was God's Son!"
 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary
 saw you risen from your tomb.
 Your disciples saw you and heard your command
 to make disciples of all nations. Jesus, I believe.
 Peter speaks for me when he says,
 "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"

***Passing the Peace of our Lord**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you

Let us share his peace with one another.

(Share the peace with a Gesture)

Offering: Thank you for faithfully mailing your offering envelope or placing them in the container today.

Bowing in Prayer

As followers of Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life, let us pray like St. Francis prayed:

C: Lord make us instruments of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on
 earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
 who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,
 the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Benediction:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

C: Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Song: Shout to the Lord Page 31

My Jesus my Saviour Lord there is none like You All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love My comfort my shelter Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord All the earth let us sing Power and majesty Praise to the King
Mountains bow down And the seas will roar At the sound of Your name I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands Forever I'll love You Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

CCLI Song # 1406918 Darlene Zschech

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Except for part of the Prayer of the Day, Bowing in Prayer, and song selections, this contemporary service was created by Nate Deysher, August 2008.

St. Luke Contemporary Worship Team is:

Vocal: Sarah Kneller

Guitar/vocals: Linda Holt and Todd Snyder

Supply Pastor: The Rev. Angela Hammer

Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong

This Week at St. Luke

Tuesday 10:00 AM Band Together

Thursday 10:00AM Band Together

Next Sunday Food Bank - Independence Day

8:30 AM Holy Communion

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An update on our online worship: The service is livestreamed weekly on our Facebook page: at <https://www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran>, or on YouTube using the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKROL7HVJEgtCMksioZwoA>. If you do not have internet access, you are welcome to attend in person following current Covid protocols. You will continue to receive the weekly bulletin via email.

Adjustments and improvements are being made every week. For example:

- The streaming process has been improved with a direct tie to the sound system. This requires presenters to use the microphone so all (both in-person and viewing online) can hear.
- Periods of quiet during the service, usually during congregational response, are being addressed so those viewing/listening online can feel fully included in the service.

We need your feedback-- any recommendations, suggestions, or improvements regarding the current online offerings, or suggestions for other social media outlets. We also need volunteers to assist with the technical aspects of livestreaming and all of the legwork and support this requires. Please send your feedback or volunteer availability to the Church Office. Thank you!

A WARM WELCOME to our supply pastor The Rev. Angela Hammer and all our visitors as we come together to share this day here at St. Luke.

Please keep in your prayers those who are ill, recovering, or shut-in, especially:

John Adams, Claudia Addison, Kit Ahnert, Brenda Boyer, Leon Boyer, Mechelle Leshner Bray, Amanda Cupernall, Alexandria (Lexxi) Ditzler, Cathy Dunkelberger, Earl Garman, Deb Glassmoyer, Peg Griffe, Bill Gundrum, Kim Lenhart Hale, John Hassinger, Dean and Sue Hettinger, Lilly Higgins & Family, Bill Hoffman, Richard and Nancy Hollen, June Kohr, Landon Kreider, Ruth Kupp, Betty Leedy, Delores Leshner, Richard Leshner, Ken Light, Donald and Sue McClure, Steven McCracken, Casey McGarvey, Dana McKinney, Maureen Marinkov, Dale Matthews, Harold (Spike) Moore, Brian Navarre, Barry and Tom Nolt, George Pastore, Kathy O'Roark, Gerald and Ruth Parson, Ronald Ream, Lance Rhodes, Al Shade, Barry Shriver, Linda Simmers, Lloyd Smith, Richard Strohl, Caitlyn, Gretta and Mike Stuber, Robert Todisco, Landis Wenger, Josephine Wenrich, Janet Wharton, Josie Williams, Eddie Wolfe, Marian Yoder, Dottie and Maggie Zartman, and Ashton Zohn.

Pray for those who are serving in the military, especially:

Christopher Ahnert, Timothy Beamesderfer, Tyler Fleagle, Shane Gettler, Steven Ginder, George Leshner, Jr., Greg Rucker, and Matthew Sanders.

Pray for 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, Lebanon Taizé Violence Intervention Women's Shelter, Lancaster/Lebanon Habitat for Humanity, Lebanon Rescue Mission, Support Connections of Lebanon County, Our Synod Bishop James S. Dunlop and his staff, and our ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and staff.

Please be in Prayer for and with St. Luke Vision to Mission Team - Kit Ahnert, Richelle Deysher, Elaine Matternas, Judy Plummer, Scott Rights, and Todd Snyder.

If you are in need of **Pastoral Care** for a Visit, Hospitalization, Baptisms, Funerals, etc. please call the church office at 717-949-3375.

June 20, 2021

Attendance - 26 **Offering** - \$1,210.00

The Monthly Ministry Emphasis for the month of July will go towards **“TEFAP”** Thank you again for your continued support.

St. Luke History Books are available for \$20.00. Call Anna Mae Grubb 717-273-7035 or email at mrgrubby@comcast.net.

Summer Camping - All children from Kindergarten to grade 12, as well as families, are encouraged to look at the 2021 Lutheran Camping brochures in the downstairs Miller Chapel for various camps available this summer. Any questions you can go to their website: www.lutherancamping.org or by calling the Camping office at 717-677-8211.

Available in the Narthex are the new **St. Luke Church Directories**. If you see an error in your name or address please call the church office at 717-949-3375.

Sunday July 4 is Food Bank Sunday

The items needed are: Pastas, Spaghetti and Marinara Sauce, Canned Fruits, Canned Soups, Juices of all kinds - grape, apple, orange juice, granulated sugar and, Reusable Plastic Containers.

Band Together is a free strength training program using resistance bands. The goal is to build strength and offer socialization to men and women of all ages and primarily adults over 50. We meet Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 AM at St. Luke. For more information please contact Sue DeLong or drop in and observe a class. Hope to see you there!!

Church Council approved the following at their meeting on Monday, June 21st:

1. Resumption of singing the hymns by members of the congregation if they feel comfortable in doing so. Other singing of parts of the service will resume in the future.
2. Resumption of communion on July 4th with the following procedure:
Change the language of the Eucharist to reflect the traditional liturgy for Lutheran communion.
Pre-package the wafer and disposable empty cup in a zip-lock bag.
People pick them up as they enter the church, along with their bulletin.
Worship assistant will direct the individual or family to the altar up the center aisle to receive the wine & blessing & to return to their pew by the side aisles.
Pastor Hammer will wear a mask, will not touch any of the elements, pour the wine, and give the blessing.
At the end of the service, plastic bags with empty cups can be disposed of in a trash can in the vestibule.