

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME to the continuing celebrations of the Easter Season, as God shares the transforming gift of new life. God is not just a concept, a construct, or an ordering principle, neither just something for mystics to contemplate nor for scholars to debate. God reaches to offer us a whole and new relationship through the self-giving service and model of the one who goes ahead "to prepare a place for you".

The SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "A Sleepin' Bee"	Harold Arlen
Moment of Silence	
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Pastor: Almighty God,

ALL: **your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome	Chris Peters
First Lesson – Acts 7: 55-60	

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 (sung responsively)

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Lesson – 1 Peter 2: 2-10

*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

*The Holy Gospel – John 14: 1-14

"Glory to you O Lord" (spoken)

"Praise to you, O Christ" (spoken)

Children's Sermon "Stone" Pastor Bair

Voluntary "So What" Miles Davis

Sermon "I Am. I Am. So What. I Am." Pastor Bair

***Hymn 816** "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" THE CALL

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GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

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Offertory "Blue in Green" Bill Evans

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*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

**"Lamb of God" Page 112

*The Communion
Music during communion:
"So What" (reprise) Miles Davis

*Prayer Page 114

*The Blessing Page 114

***Hymn 364** "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" MFURAHINI, HALEUYA

*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Djembe improvisation"

**Please stand for this part of the liturgy or remain seated as you need.*



TODAY'S WORSHIP brings what is for us a different style of music to the sacred world. The jazz style suggested that we borrow the Hymn of Praise from setting six, though the rest of the service remains setting one. The last hymn, from the African a cappella tradition, lends itself to accompaniment by djembes, and thus the postlude will draw inspiration from that sonic universe. Thanks to Ben Russo, keyboard and arranger; Andre Baruch, tenor saxophone; Jane Lazarovic, bass; Colleen Clark, drums; and Cathy Bair, djembe for their contributions to worship today.

WORSHIPPING with this faith community for the first time? Sign the book in the narthex so that we may greet you more personally, and please share in the relaxed after-church time over goodies.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher.

HEARING ASSIST devices are available from the table in the narthex. Each device has an earpiece and volume control.



MUSIC AT ST. LUKE concludes on Tuesday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. (note time change) with a concert by the Ithaca College Early Music Ensemble. Nicholas Walker is the director. Music to be performed includes J. S. Bach's "Coffee Cantata," among other things.

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EASTER 5

ANNUAL MEETING AT NOON on May 4. Brief elections and reviewing the reports from various groups involved in doing ministry here. All welcome, please come and share.

MAY COUNCIL MEETING has been scheduled for **May 5 at 7:00 p.m.** As part of the agenda the Council will meet with the Catechetical class members.

THE BLUE SILO IS BACK! This week we kick off our campaign to adopt a cow and help the families in Mozambique to regain food security. Our goal is again \$3,000 including \$650 of support from Thrivent. You can help by giving an amount equal to a day, a week or a month's worth of feed for a cow. Our children are helping by collecting coins in milk cartons which they will dump into the silo on **Noisy Sunday, May 18.** Our help has made a big difference in the lives of the families and villages involved. The initial recipients of cattle are now sharing the off spring with other families. The goals for the program are being met and this will probably be the last year that they need funding. Next year we can decide who to help next. Let's continue to help those in need.

NAME TAGS. Thanks for helping us all remember by wearing one. Your help in returning your tag to the rack in alphabetical order with the string tucked in is also appreciated.

NURSERY CARE is provided for young children during worship in two nurseries, which are on the same level as the sanctuary. Please feel free to use the facilities for your children.

HANDICAP PARKING. There is a 'Handicap Parking' space on Oak Avenue across from the entrance to St. Luke. There are also four parking spaces behind the Church, and on Sunday mornings these are for the use of our members who have difficulty walking.

CAMPUS MINISTRY LIST SERVE. To join, send an e-mail: stluke-campusministry-subscribe@yahoo.com.

STUDENT DISCUSSION GROUP. Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Study.

MONDAY MIDDAY BROWN BAG STUDY (MMBBBS) – will continue the study of the prophets using a Kerygma Bible Study publication: "Amos & Hosea: Boundaries, Tough Love, Amazing Grace." MMBBBS meets on Mondays at 12:15-1:00 p.m. at St. Luke in the Education Room. For more information contact Susan Hoskins, sbh1@cornell.edu, Day: 255-4864, Eve: 564-3483.

QUILTING FOR THOSE IN NEED: If you sew, have extra fabric to share or can tie knots, check out how you can help make quilted blankets for distribution by Lutheran World Relief. Details are on flyers in the narthex. Meet with us at 9:30 am on every 1st & 3rd Thurs. in our Adult Ed room.

ARE YOU ACCESSING THE ST. LUKE WEBSITE? [<http://www.stlukeithaca.org>] It now includes photos, a calendar of events, documents (from weekly bulletins to the Constitution and By-laws), and improved audio of our morning worship services. Please contact Scott Adams with your ideas.

FAITH IN ACTION: DIRECT PRAYER REQUESTS to Louise McGee at 844-4303. A prayer chain of St. Luke folks prays regularly, privately, and confidentially for the parishioners' concerns.

FAITH AND CARE: *USHERS:* Ron Shewchuk & Christine Buffalow; *GREETERS:* Matthias & Lucas Liepe & Claire Chadwick; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Jeff Snedeker; *ACOLYTES:* -; *READERS:* Gabe Hohag; *COMMUNION SET UP:* Linda Muckstadt; *CLEAN UP:* Susan Wohlhueter; *COFFEE SERVERS:* *SET-UP & CLEAN-UP:* Kathy Eliason; *BAKERS (after church):* Susan Wohlhueter & Marlys Wilhelm .

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter 6, Holy Communion Service, 10:45 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.; Lessons: Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21; Sermons: "Shrine" and "Keeping and/or Defending"; Hymns: 631, 804, 449.

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TODAY, FAITH AND CARE COORDINATORS will be at their table in the narthex, to sign up for May and June volunteer opportunities. How can you help?

FAIR TRADE COFFEE will be available for sale in the Narthex after church today. It tastes great, makes a great gift, and supports a living wage for the farmers who grow the coffee. If you didn't bring your checkbook, Judy will be happy to put the coffee aside for you or arrange to deliver it during the week.

CAMPUS MINISTRY EVENT - The words "health care" and "comedy" aren't usually found in the same sentence, but in the movie 'SICKO,' by Academy Award winner Michael Moore, they go together hand in (rubber) glove. The film profiles ordinary Americans whose lives have been disrupted, shattered, and-in some cases-ended by our health care crisis. It also contrasts our system with countries around the world. Reviewers of SICKO have stated that "in the tradition of Mark Twain or Will Rogers, 'SICKO' uses humor to tell a compelling story." The ELCA social statement, *Caring for Health: Our Shared Endeavor*, our church's statement on health care, states, "A just society is one that supports the health of all its members. Thus, our common effort to provide access to health care for all is a matter of social justice for all people." What is our response as Christians to our health care crisis? Join us for a viewing of SICKO Friday, **April 25 at 6:00 p.m.** in the St. Luke' Fellowship Room. Pizza and salads will be served. See you then for a provocative film and stay for discussion if you can.



CAMPUS MINISTRY'S "THANK YOU" BARBECUE for the congregation. Sunday, April 27 at noon. Please share in burgers, hotdogs, etc...

RECOGNITIONS AND THANKS YOU'S during worship on **May 4** we will give recognition to students completing college/university programs, our church staff, our choir, and all who share in the Faith and Care Ministry.