

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME. *Special welcome to Cornell Reunion folks. We are delighted you are here and that you have decided to share your morning in worship here at St. Luke, which when you were here might have been The Lutheran Church, or Oak Avenue Lutheran Church, or the church behind Pop's Place. Welcome back! As we read the newspapers and listen to the news, we seem to more often be reminded that the old fences which have divided people are still in place. At times, the fences are being reinforced and added on to. Today's lessons challenge us and gift us to hear: the Gospel of Peace is for all people. Jesus loved all people. We are called by faith to build bridges, not fences.*

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:30 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "The Peace" G. F. Handel

Moment of Silence

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 206

***Hymn 553** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" RATISBON

*The Greeting Page 203

*Kyrie Page 203

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: O God,

ALL: you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome Bud Stanton

First Lesson – Hosea 5: 15- 6: 6

Psalm 50: 7-15 (spoken antiphonally: pulpit side, light type
font side, bold type)

"Listen, my people, and I will speak:
Israel, I will bear witness against
you; for I am God, your God.

**⁸I do not accuse you because of your
sacrifices; your burnt offerings
are always before me.**

⁹I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;

**¹⁰for all the wild animals of the
forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand
hills.**

¹¹I know every bird of the mountains, and the
creatures of the fields are mine.

**¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the
whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink
the blood of goats?

**¹⁴Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will
deliver you, and you shall honor me."

**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 – Romans 4: 13-25

*Gospel Acclamation Page 205

*The Holy Gospel – Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

***"Glory to you O Lord" (spoken)**

***"Praise to you, O Christ" (spoken)**

Children's Sermon "Trespass" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 612** "Healer of Our Every Ill" HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

Sermon "When is the Offer Null and Void?" Pastor Bair

*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Sicilienne" G. F. Handel

*Congregational Offertory **Hymn 188** "Create in Me..."

*Prayers of Intercession Page 206

*The Lord's Prayer Page 208

*The Benediction

***Hymn 757** "All My Hope on God Is Founded" MICHAEL

*The Dismissal Page 208

Postlude "March" G. F. Handel

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

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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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Andrew and Deborah Novakovic in memory of Jim and Monica.

NEW HUMANITY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due on Friday, June 13. Please send your articles to Michelle Gray at luther@twcny.rr.com.

FAITH AND CARE COORDINATORS NEED YOUR HELP. The Faith and Care Coordinators will be at their table in the narthex and on June 15, to sign up for July and August volunteer opportunities.



TODAY FAITH AND CARE BRUNCH & COFFEE HOUR, after the Worship Service. The lunch will be hosted by the June Faith and Care Team for the July volunteers. If you can't stay for lunch, join us for a cup of coffee. Everyone is invited to share!

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.

ST. LUKE NEWS

Pentecost 4

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THIS AFTERNOON Lexa Liepe and PB leave for the Synod Assembly in Rochester. Main agenda item: election of a Bishop. They will return on Tuesday, June 10.

ASSISTING MINISTERS, ACOLYTES & READERS – We need your help! Please hand in your July-September volunteer schedule. If you need another schedule you can pick one up in the narthex. Please leave on Michelle Gray's desk.

ADOPT A COW. We only need \$500.00 to meet our goal for the funding the cattle project in Mozambique. Then it is celebration time! Mark your calendar for **July 12 at Scipio Spring Farms.** What can you do to help? A day (\$5), a week (\$35), or a month (\$140), worth's of feed sure would help!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS). WE COULD NOT find a coordinator this year. Therefore we will share in VBS at Trinity, June 29-July 3. Please see the Youth bulletin board for more information.

THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE this month published an opinion piece by Judy Jensvold. Free copies of the magazine are available for everyone in the narthex.

MONDAY MIDDAY BROWN BAG STUDY (MMBBBS) – will resume on Monday, June 9 and 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.

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.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF has requested more **Health Kits!** In response to recent disasters in China and Myanmar/Burma, LWR has put out a call for more Health Kits (among other requests). St. Luke's sent 25 Health kits from our Lenten drive - can we do 25 more now? Many of the items needed you probably have on hand around the house. Feel free to donate some or all of the pieces - the Social Ministry committee can fill in the gaps. In addition, LWR also accepts donations of bars of soap alone (4-5 oz, in original wrapping).

Health Kits include: 1 hand towel and 1 wash cloth - dark color recommended, 1 bar of soap (4-5 oz) in original wrapper, 1 adult size toothbrush in original packaging, 1 comb - wide tooth preferred, remove packaging, 1 metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached, remove packaging (do not substitute cardboard emery boards), 6 Band-Aids (or similar brand), preferably 1/2" to 3/4"; secure together with a rubber band. All items should be new and in good condition (though I'd say good quality, clean, used towels and washcloths would be fine). Wrap smaller items in the washcloth; wrap washcloth and remaining items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not include the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. Thanks again for your support. I will have a box in the narthex (next to the silo) for collections. Please call or email if you have any questions. Judy Mehravari 257-8653, mjudy@twcnycn.rr.com

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.

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 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:* Kristina Wight & Earl Ekdahl; *GREETERS:* Susan Hoskins & Pete Hoskins; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Lexa Liepe; *ACOLYTES:* Ruth Grigorov & Cassandra Engstrom; *READERS:* Dan Snedeker & David Jung; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP & CLEAN-UP:* Jo Ann Ekdahl; *BAKERS (after church):* Everett Nelson & Jo Ann Ekdahl.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 5; The Service of Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.; Lessons: Exodus 19: 2-8a; Romans 5: 1-8; Matthew 9: 35- 10: 8; Sermons: "Compassion" and "Our Standing with God"; Hymns: 522, 580, 666, 661.

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