

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME. This 'green' Pentecost season emphasizes growing. These lessons proclaim a Word about seeds, soils and sprouting. The gospel notes the difference in growth created by different growing conditions. The parable calls us first to reflect on the type of soil our lives offers to receive and nurture the Word. When someone shares the Word with us, are we "hard and rocky" or open and responsive? Second, the parable also calls us to reflect on what kind of sower we are. Do we sow the good news of God's gracious love? Where? How? Do we wait for the proper or best time and place? The sower in the parable was fairly indiscriminate about where the seed was sown, seemingly sowing it wherever s/he went..

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:30 a.m.

PREPARATION

Sonata No. 4 in B flat" Felix Mendelssohn

Prelude I "Allegro brio"

Prelude II "Andante religioso"

Moment of Silence

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 206

***Hymn 533** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
UNSER HERRSCHER

*The Greeting Page 203

*Kyrie Page 203

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Almighty God,

ALL: **we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome Everett Nelson

First Lesson – Isaiah 55: 10-13

Psalm 65: 9-13 (sung responsively)

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is ¹ full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide ¹ for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth ¹ out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and ¹ bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year ¹ with your goodness, and your paths over- ¹ flow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be ¹ rich for grazing, and the hills be ¹ clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- ¹ selves with grain; let them shout for ¹ joy and sing.

All: Glory be to the Father and ¹ to the Son and to the ¹ Holy Spirit. As it was in ¹ the beginning, is now, and will be for ¹ ever. Amen.

Second Lesson – Romans 8: 1-11

*Gospel Acclamation Page 205

*The Holy Gospel – Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

"Glory to you O Lord" (spoken)

"Praise to you, O Christ" (spoken)

Children's Sermon "Cut Off" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 516** "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast" ST. FLAVIAN

Sermon "Shouldn't you be Selling Seashells not Sowing Seeds by the Seashore?" Pastor Bair

*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Allegretto"

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

*Prayers of Intercession Page 206

*The Lord's Prayer Page 208

*The Benediction

***Hymn 551** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" CHESTERFIELD

*The Dismissal Page 209

Postlude "Allegro maestoso e vivace"

**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.



FAITH AND CARE COORDINATORS NEED YOUR HELP. The Faith and Care Coordinators will be at their table in the narthex July 20 to sign up for August and September volunteer opportunities.

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.

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

REQUEST OF FOR HOUSING – A young (30 year old), English-speaking Russian émigré, originally from Belarus, needs a place to stay until October. Can you help? Call Lu Poley at (607) 272-3728.

ST. LUKE NEWS
Pentecost 9
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THIS COMING WEEKEND: THE HORN FAMILY gathers in Ithaca.

Background: The Rev. Dr. William Melchior Horn was the first full-time, resident pastor here from 1917-32. He suffered a stroke during worship on Passion Sunday, March 13, 1932. He died September 21. At that time, the eldest son of William Melchior and Marquerite Jacobs Horn was a student at the Philadelphia Seminary. Upon graduation in 1934, Edward T. Horn III, was called to be pastor here, serving until 1943. Another son, Henry E. Horn, also felt the call to ordained ministry. He graduated from the Philadelphia Seminary two years later. He then served as parish pastor, college president, as well as campus pastor. Henry retired in 1978 from his position at University Lutheran Church, Cambridge (MA). Another son, Robert, responded to God's call to use his gifts and talents in the world of finance, retiring as Cornell's Chief Financial Officer.

The Schedule

Friday, afternoon (July 18): The immediate family of Henry and Catherine Stainken Horn will gather to inter their ashes. They died within months of each other early last year. They met here as fellow Lutheran students.

Saturday noon (July 19): The extended family will gather in the Fellowship Room for lunch, fellowship, singing, and sharing stories. They will number in excess of 100 people.

Sunday morning, (July 20): Some of the Horn family will share in worship. We are grateful to Jo Ann Ekdahl and Joan Carlson for their leadership in providing for the Saturday luncheon. If you are in town next Sunday, please be present for worship so you can greet, interact and thank the Horn family for their role in the life of this community of faith.



TODAY - FAITH AND CARE BRUNCH & COFFEE HOUR, SUNDAY, after the Worship Service. The brunch will be hosted by the July Faith and Care Team for the August volunteers. If you can't stay for brunch, coffee is also available.



Everyone is invited to share!

ARE YOU ACCESSING THE ST. LUKE WEBSITE? [<http://www.stlukeithaca.org>] It 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; **GREETERS:** George & Diane Conneman; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Michael Clarkson; **ACOLYTE:** Dan Snedeker; **READERS:** Cassie Engstrom & Mary Van Donsel; **COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP** Joan Carlson; **CLEAN-UP:** Joan Carlson; **BAKERS (after church):** Edith Bonawitz.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 10, Holy Communion Service, 9:30 a.m.; Baptism of Catherine Van Donsel; Lessons: Isaiah 44: 6-8; Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43; Sermons: "Witnesses" and "A Gardening Lesson for Those Out of the Garden"; Hymns: 681, 679, 465, 550.

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