

WELCOME, IN THE NAME OF GOD. In every age the people of God face challenge as they struggle with God's call and presence in their lives. Solomon could not see himself sitting upon the throne of his father David because, as he acknowledged, he did not know how to be king. Paul speaks bluntly and from personal experience about all those other powers which threaten to kidnap or disconnect us from God. Then he speaks boldly in one of the greatest affirmations in scripture that "nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord". That is also his experience. Facing disciples who are "discouraged" by the small results of their efforts, Jesus sensitively shares picture stories called parables to give them hope: even though small, the reality and the promise and the power (of a seed, of yeast, of the Kingdom) is present and it will grow.

**The WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:30 a.m.**

**PREPARATION**

Prelude "Solvejg's Song" Edvard Grieg  
*John Sherbon, trumpet*

Moment of Silence

\*Invocation

\*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

\*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 206

\***Hymn 705** "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

\*The Greeting Page 203

\*Kyrie Page 203

\*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Beloved and sovereign God,

ALL: **through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS**

Word of Welcome Tom McSweeney

First Lesson – 1 Kings 3: 5-12

Psalm 119: 129-136 (sung responsively)

Your de-<sup>1</sup> crees are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them with <sup>1</sup> all my heart.

<sup>130</sup>When your word is opened <sup>1</sup> it gives light;  
<sup>1</sup> it gives understanding <sup>1</sup> to the simple.

<sup>131</sup>I open my <sup>1</sup> mouth and pant  
because I long for <sup>1</sup> your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>Turn to me and be gra- <sup>1</sup> cious to me,  
as you always do to those who <sup>1</sup> love your name.

<sup>133</sup>Order my footsteps <sup>1</sup> in your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion <sup>1</sup> over me.

<sup>134</sup>Rescue me from those <sup>1</sup> who oppress me,  
and I will keep <sup>1</sup> your commandments.

<sup>135</sup>Let your face shine up- <sup>1</sup> on your servant  
and teach <sup>1</sup> me your statutes.

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 for | ever. Amen.**

Second Lesson – Romans 8: 26-39

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 205

\*The Holy Gospel – Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

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

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

Children's Sermon "Separate" Pastor Bair

\***Hymn 775** "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" JESU, MEINE FREUDE

Sermon "A Discerning Faith" Pastor Bair

\*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

**A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES**

Offering

Offertory "Jesu, Meine Freude" J. G. Walther

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

\*Prayers of Intercession Page 206

\*The Lord's Prayer Page 208

\*The Benediction

\***Hymn 793** "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

\*The Dismissal Page 209

Postlude "Marche Romaine" Charles Gounod

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



**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 Elizabeth Housel in memory of Harold Case.

**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.

**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.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY LIST SERVE.** To join, send an e-mail: [stluke-campusministry-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:stluke-campusministry-subscribe@yahoo.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 a.m. on every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. in our Adult Ed room.



**FAITH AND CARE BRUNCH & COFFEE HOUR, SUNDAY, AUGUST 10,** after the Worship Service. The brunch will be hosted by the August Faith and Care Team for the September volunteers. Everyone is invited to share!

**ST. LUKE NEWS**  
**Pentecost 11**  
**27 July 07**



**Many, Many, Thanks** to all who served last week to welcome the members of the Horn family back to Ithaca and St. Luke. A special "hurray" goes to the luncheon on Saturday: Jo Ann & Earl Ekdahl, Joan Carlson, Susan Wohlhueter, John & Ruth Sherbon, Linda Muckstadt, Peter Cousins, Bill & Grais Brown, Leelia Quigee, Skip & Mary Margaret Carmichael. Thanks be to God for all!

**HOUSING NEEDED for 1 week**, August 15-22. A visiting professor from the University of Hong Kong who has been sharing in St. Luke needs one week of housing between apartments. Contact PB or Dr. Wallace Choy (607) 255-4557, email: wallace\_choy@yahoo.com.

**NEW HUMANITY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** are due **Friday, August 1**, for the Welcome Back edition. Please email your articles to Michelle Gray, [lluthera@twcny.rr.com](mailto:lluthera@twcny.rr.com).

**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:* Ruth Sherbon & Ron Shewchuk; *GREETERS:* Matthias Liepe & Lukas Liepe; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Everett Nelson; *ACOLYTE:* Dan Snedeker; *READERS:* Amy Eliason & Lexa Liepe; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP & CLEAN-UP:* Linda Muckstadt; *BAKERS (after church):* Linda Muckstadt & Grais Brown.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 12, Holy Communion Service,** 9:30 a.m.; Lessons: Isaiah 55: 1-5; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52; Sermons: "Kin" and "Why Spend for that Which is Not Bread?"; Hymns: 689, 712, 658, 729.

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