

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME. Jesus' stories about the way of the Kingdom of God include many which point to a "reversal". The way you previously thought it was is not the way it is and will be. The up's will be down and the down's will be up. The in's will be out and the out's will be in. This theme is also sounded in Mary's great song: "You have brought down the mighty from their thrones and uplifted those of low degree". In the Gospel lesson today Jesus reverses the way of the community by countering that it is not what goes into a person that makes that person good or evil, clean or unclean, but what comes out of him. Then Jesus is encountered by a very persistent and unintimidated Canaanite woman, who by custom, should not even be in his presence much less asking for something from him. Through his action Jesus affirms she is part of the household and she receives what she seeks: healing for her daughter. How large do we perceive God's kingdom being? Who is included? Who is excluded? How?

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:30 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Largo" (from the New World Symphony)
Antonin Dvorak

Moment of Silence

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 206

***Hymn 650** "In Christ There Is No East or West" McKee

*The Greeting Page 203

*Kyrie Page 203

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: God of all peoples,

ALL: **your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome

Chris Peters

First Lesson – Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Psalms 67 (sung responsively)

May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

**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 11: 1-2a, 29-32

*Gospel Acclamation

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*The Holy Gospel – Matthew 15: 21-28

"Glory to you O Lord" (spoken)

"Praise to you, O Christ" (spoken)

Children's Sermon

Sara Wells

***Hymn 684** "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"

PROSPECT

Sermon "Difficult Conversations"

Lexa Liepe

*The Apostles' Creed

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A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein"

Johann Pachelbel

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

*Prayer of Intercession

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*The Lord's Prayer

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*The Benediction

***Hymn 434** "Jesus Shall Reign"

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The Dismissal

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Postlude "Fugue in F"

Anonymous

**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 Judy Jensvold.

TODAY FAITH AND CARE COORDINATORS provide an opportunity for us all to serve. The Faith and Care Coordinators will be at their table in the narthex to sign up for September and October 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@yahogroups.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.

ST. LUKE NEWS

Pentecost 14

17 August 2008

WE RETURN to our 10:45 a.m. worship service
next Sunday, August 24.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FORMS. If you have not completed a performance evaluation, copies are in the narthex. Please fill it out and return it today. Thank you.

THANKS TO THE WORSHIP LEADERS today while PB is on vacation. We appreciate the willingness of all to share their gifts and talents in these services of the Word and of this community of faith. Thanks be to God for all these brothers and sisters in Christ as they exercise their ministries.

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:* Ronald Shewchuk & Ev Markwardt; *GREETERS:* Joan Carlson & Helen Swank; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Dayna Jorgenson; *ACOLYTES:* ; *READERS:* Dan Snedeker; *COMMUNION SET UP:* Emily & Joe Metz; *CLEAN UP:* Joan Carlson; *COFFEE SERVERS:* *SET-UP* ; *CLEAN-UP:* ; *BAKERS (after church):* Jean Robinson & Marlys Wilhelm.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 15, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Isaiah: 51: 1-6; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20; Sermons: "Rock-y" and "Discerning the Form of your Matriculate"; Hymns: 576, 513, 418.

ST. LUKE MINISTERS: The People of this Community

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BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING Please consider shopping for Lutheran World Relief as well! The Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring a drive for school supplies for the Lutheran World relief late August/early September. A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war or other disaster. School kits help parents continue their children's education, even while living in a refugee camp, for example. A school kit may also be used in adult literacy classes.

The quilting group has graciously agreed to sew 25 school kit bags. These bags will be available at the end of August (Aug. 24 and Aug. 31). We are asking that you take a bag, and bring it back filled. If you are interested in participating, but will not be able to come either of those Sundays, please give Judy Mehravari a call or email (257-8653, mjudy@twcny.rr.com). *College students - please consider doing this as a group project (dorm room / floor, housing unit, etc).*

Each bag needs to contain the following:

- Spiral notebook of ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 1/2", totaling 150 - 200 sheets (if using 70 - count notebooks, please include three); do not include loose-leaf paper.
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pencil sharpener.
- Six new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.
- One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long.
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors (if necessary, fold in half to fit into the school bag).
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging and pack items in the bag, fold the handles over, and secure with two large rubber bands or tie with yarn. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. Thank you!

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