

WELCOME, IN THE NAME OF GOD. We rejoice that you share in the life God gives us as God's people in this place. That life is centered in the Christ and is nudged and nourished by the Spirit. Our life together is not called to be expressed in a legalistic slavery to specific forms of worship nor in a uniformity of appearance. Our life-together is focused in the unity we share as a gift from and with God. That is a unity which is enhanced and strengthened by the wonderful variety of gifts God provides us through one another.

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Cantilena" Josef Rheinberger

Moment of Silence

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 152

***Hymn 624** "Jesus, Still Lead On" SEELENBRÄUTIGAM

*The Greeting Page 98

*Kyrie Page 98

*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" Page 99

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: O God, we thank you for your Son,

ALL: **who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome John Sherbon

First Lesson – Jeremiah 15: 15-21

Psalm 26: 1-8 (sung responsively)

Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived¹ with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and¹ have not faltered.

²Test me, O¹ LORD, and try me; examine my heart¹ and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is be-¹fore my eyes; I have walked faithful-¹ly with you.

⁴I have not sat¹ with the worthless, nor do I consort with¹ the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of¹ evildoers; I will not sit down¹ with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in inno-¹cence, O LORD, that I may go in procession¹ round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song¹ of thanksgiving and recounting all your won-¹derful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in¹ which you dwell and the place where your glo-¹ry abides.

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 12: 9-21

*Gospel Acclamation Page 151

*The Holy Gospel – Matthew 16: 21-28

"Glory to you O Lord" (spoken)

"Praise to you, O Christ" (spoken)

Children's Sermon "Deny" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Lord, I Trust Thee" G. F. Handel

Sermon "Extend Hospitality to Strangers" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 798** "Will You Come and Follow Me" KELVINGROVE

*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Preamble" Louis Vierne

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

*Prayer of Intercession Page 105

*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

*The Benediction

***Hymn 655** "Son of God, Eternal Savior" IN BABILONE

*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Trumpet Tune in D major" David Johnson

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

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TEXT FOR TODAY'S ANTHEM

Handel: Lord, I Trust Thee

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee. Ah! Thou friend of man, restore me! On thy loving grace relying, for the bread of life I'm sighing. Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease, fill my heart with joy and endless peace. When the breath of life has left me, may my soul be blended with thee.

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 Phil and Peggy Myers in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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@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.

ST. LUKE NEWS

Pentecost 16

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TODAY - ICE CREAM SOCIAL after the worship service. Come and meet new and old friends downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

STUDENT DISCUSSION/STUDY GROUP will begin **Tuesday, September 2**, 6:00 p.m. in the study, with a Lutheran 101 focus.

NEW HUMANITY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES will be due **Friday, September 5** for the World Communion issue. Please submit your articles to Michelle Gray at lluthera@twcny.rr.com

WELCOME BACK STUDENT LUNCHEON for new and returning students, undergraduates and graduates: next **Sunday, September 7** after the worship service. Come mingle with friends and welcome new students.

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 **September 7 and September 21** to sign up for October and November volunteer opportunities.

ADULT FORUM AND CHURCH SCHOOL starts **September 7 at 9:30 a.m.** The Adult Forum is a high school-age & up church school class that meets in the Adult Education room downstairs. The topics include faith studies, Bible studies, ethical issues, worship, church history – i.e., ‘forum’ in which to gather with others for the strengthening of our faith through education. For more information contact Pastor Bair. **CHURCH SCHOOL** – we encourage all children and youth from three – years through 8th grade. This coming year, we have a variety of activities being planned including; three-four family activities (game/movie night, pumpkin carving, etc...), special Bible studies for parents/families focused on family issues as well as the Intergenerational Event, Christmas Pageant and Easter Egg Hunt. Please contact Mary Van Donsel for more information, c_mvandonsel@yahoo.com.

TIME TO UPDATE THE ST. LUKE DIRECTORY! Through the month of September, a notebook with a copy of the congregational directory will be in narthex. It is **important** to us that we have your correct information. Please take a moment and review your information and make necessary revisions. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 273-6811.



INTERESTED IN A LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY? Monday Midday Brown Bag Bible Study (MMBBBS) will resume on September 8, at 12:15 p.m., in the church library. The group will pray, share and plan together the course of study for the fall. Contact Susan Hoskins, sbh1@cornell.edu, Day 255-4864, Eve 564-3483 for information.

FAITH AND CARE LUNCH & COFFEE HOUR, Sunday, September 14, after the Worship Service. The lunch will be hosted by the September Faith and Care Team for the October volunteers. Everyone is invited to share!



HEALTH CARE EVENT AT KENDAL: Tuesday, September 9 - 7:15 - 9:15 p.m. at Kendal At Ithaca – Auditorium. Donna Smith and her husband Larry, middle class working Americans with health insurance, had to declare bankruptcy and lost their home due to medical care costs. Donna subsequently founded American Patients United. She travels throughout the country meeting with community groups. **Event Speakers:** Donna Smith of American Patients United – telling her personal story; Dr. Susan Soboroff – a physician’s perspective; Anita Watkins – Canadian health care system; Will Fudeman – singer/songwriter. For more information about these events contact Rebecca Elgie, 272-0621 or healthylink@earthlink.net.

NEXT SUNDAY IS ADVOCACY SUNDAY. With the election coming up, we will be doing something a little different for the next three months. Our focus will be on getting out the vote. Are you registered to vote? Do you know where the candidates stand on important issues? The Social Ministry Committee will have voter registration forms and nonpartisan information on the major party candidates’ platforms available in the narthex.

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.

ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM - Applications will be put out for St. Luke’s Adopt a Student program late August - early September, with new matches being made by early October. This program matches students from both Cornell and Ithaca College (graduate as well as undergraduate) with St. Luke families. Many students enjoy this program because it allows them to see a different side of Ithaca than just their school life. Other’s like it because it gives them a “home away from home”, as well as someone local to call if they have questions or problems. Families have enjoyed the program because it allows them to participate more actively in college activities (much coveted are IC music majors - you get to go to their concerts!). It also gives families the opportunity to share their families with a young adult. My family has “graduated” two students so far (without paying a penny of tuition), and adopted a freshman last year. We have thoroughly enjoyed including these young people in our family, as well as meeting their “tuition paying families”. Families with young children or pets are especially sought after, as students miss their own families at home. Please consider becoming involved in this very important St. Luke’s ministry. If you have any questions, please call or email. Judy Mehravari 257-9863, mjudy@twcny.rr.com

FAITH AND CARE: *USHERS:* Ronald Shewchuk & Dennis Miller; *GREETERS:* Ruth Sherbon & Christine Olson; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Claire Chadwick; *ACOLYTES:* Cassie Engstrom; *READERS:* Taylor Engstrom & Helen Swank; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP:* Bill & Grais Brown; *CLEAN-UP:* Ruth Sherbon; *BAKERS (after church):* Ruth Sherbon & Grais Brown.

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.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 17, Holy Communion Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Ezekiel 33: 7-11; Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18: 15-20; Sermons: “Sentinel” and “Loving Neighbor Includes What?”; Hymns: 864, 603, 470, 731.

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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