

WELCOME, IN THE NAME OF GOD. *What enables us to be both welcomed and welcoming? Simply, God's gracious love. Romans reminds us that we can cling to our differences in a way that leads us to feel not only separate or distinct from others, but perhaps leads us to feel better, more right, more worthy. Paul counsels through this passage that whether you eat or abstain, do so to the glory of God without either despising or judging those who do differently. We still struggle to learn and enact this teaching of God's Word. We have been graciously forgiven much. God invites us to receive such a welcome -- and to pass such a welcome on to others.*

The SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Liturgical Prelude No. 1" George Oldroyd

Moment of Silence

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 152

***Hymn 864** "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"
PRAISE, MY SOUL

*The Greeting Page 98

*Kyrie Page 98

*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" Page 99

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: O Lord God,

ALL: **enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome Beth Housel

First Lesson – Ezekiel 33: 7-11

Psalm 119: 33-40 (Sung responsively)

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from holding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven 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 for ever. Amen.**

Second Lesson – Romans 13: 8-14

*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

*The Holy Gospel – Matthew 18: 15-20

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism *Izaiah Grant Engle*
See the order inside the back cover of the hymnal

Children's Sermon "Sentinel" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Ubi Caritas" Maurice Durufle

Sermon "Loving Neighbor Includes What?" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 603** "God, When Human Bonds are Broken" MERTON

*The Nicene Creed (*note revised translation*) Page 104

*Prayers of Intercession Page 105

GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

Offering

Offertory "Union Seminary" Haig Mardirosian

*Prayer Page 107

*The Great Thanksgiving (*a cappella*) Page 107

*Holy, Holy, Holy Page 108

*Eucharistic Prayer – In the night..."

*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

*"Lamb of God" Page 112

*The Communion
Music during communion: **Hymn 470**
"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" UNION SEMINARY

*Prayer Page 114

*The Blessing Page 114

***Hymn 731** "Earth and All Stars!" EARTH AND ALL STARS

*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Postludium" Flor Peters

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

† † † † † † †

TRANSLATION FOR TODAY'S ANTHEM

Durufle: Ubi Caritas

Where true charity and love abide, God is dwelling there. We are gathered by the one love of Christ Jesus; let us lift our voices to God and be joyful. In holy wonder let us love the living God, and may our hearts ever be one in faithful love.

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 Beverly Blischke.



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!

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.

ST. LUKE NEWS

Pentecost 17

7 September 08


UPCOMING CHURCH SERVICES AND PROGRAMS


- **TODAY** – 9:30 a.m., Adult Forum and Church School begins.
- **TODAY** – noon, Student, Welcome Back Luncheon.
- **Mondays** – MMBBBS continues at 12:15 p.m.
- **Tuesdays** – Student Discussion/Study Group at 6:00 p.m.
- **Thurs. Sept. 11** - Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- **Sun. Sept. 14** – Faith & Care Luncheon.
- **Tues. Sept. 23** – Concert: “Sacred & Profane”, at St. Luke, 7:30 p.m.
- **Mon. Sept. 29** – First Communion Meeting with parents at 6:30 p.m. AND Catechumen Meeting with parents 7:30 p.m.

TODAY - WELCOME BACK STUDENT LUNCHEON for new and returning students, undergraduates and graduates after the worship service. Come mingle with friends and welcome new students.

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

TODAY 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. We hope to see you there.

 **MUSIC AT ST. LUKE CONCERT** on **Tuesday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m.:** Settings of the Latin mass texts by Haydn and Schubert, plus Walton's "Façade," performed by Ithaca College faculty and students.

 **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.

STUDENT DISCUSSION/STUDY GROUP meet Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the study, with a Lutheran 101 focus.

COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for **Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Adult Education Room. Pastor Raymond Fitch will be present regarding campus ministry development.

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.

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@twcnny.rr.com

"CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES" is playing in Auburn September 10-27. The play is based on material from some Lutheran women in Minnesota. "The play follows the antics and angst of four church basement women as they commander the church kitchen, congregation and pastor through an Easter fund-raiser, funeral, holiday dinner and wedding" (from The Lutheran). Let's get a group to go. See details and sign up on the program board across from the elevator on the first floor.

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.

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 a.m. 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.

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.

FAITH AND CARE: *USHERS:* Ronald Shewchuk & Carol McAmis; *GREETERS:* Emily & Joe Metz; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Joe Marion; *ACOLYTES:* Jaana & Ruth Grigorov; *READERS:* Angie Wolfgang & Beth Housel; *COMMUNION SET UP & CLEAN UP:* Joe & Emily Metz; *COFFEE SERVERS:* *SET-UP* Saah Quigee; *CLEAN-UP:* Mary Margaret, Skip and John Carmichael; *BAKERS (after church):* Lu Poley and Mary Margaret Carmichael.

NEXT SUNDAY: Holy Cross, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.;
Lessons: Numbers 21: 4b-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-24; John 3: 13-17; Sermons: "Impatient" and "Face It and Live"; Hymns: 324, 342, 660.

ST. LUKE MINISTERS: The People of this Community

ST. LUKE STAFF:

Rick L. Bair	[rlb8@cornell.edu] (h) 387-3479	Pastor
Erik Kibelsbeck	[ekibelsbeck@ithaca.edu]	Music Director
Michelle Gray	[lluthera@twcny.rr.com]	Admin. Asst.
Stephen Devlen	[srd4@cornell.edu]	Sexton
Tammy Devlen		Sexton

ST. LUKE OFFICE 607 273-6811

ST. LUKE WEBSITE www.stlukeithaca.org

ST. LUKE MISSION CENTER: 109 Oak Avenue, Ithaca, NY