

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME to the worship and life of this community of faith. In the Cross God presents us with the ultimate paradox of our faith. Through this Holy Cross Day we focus explicitly on God's gracious activity for us and for the whole world through Christ and the cross. While we rejoice to receive the benefits, we struggle with, and sometimes against, the full message of the Cross. Martin Luther's faith and life was given substance and direction by this understanding of the Cross: we are selfish people; God has freely given the gift of a new and right relationship; God calls us to follow in a life of "cruciformity". As God gathers us around the Cross, we stand in awe, not able to fully comprehend, yet praising the seeming foolishness of the Cross because there is the revealed wisdom of our gracious loving and forgiving God.

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Pange Lingua"	Charles Callahan
Moment of Silence	
*Invocation	
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*Prayer of The Day	
Pastor: Almighty God,	
ALL: your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.	

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome

Gabe Hohag

First Lesson – Numbers 21: 4b-9

Psalm 98: 1-4 (Sung responsively)

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands; lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, 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 – 1 Corinthians 1: 18-24

*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

*The Holy Gospel – John 3: 13-17

Children's Sermon "Impatient" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt" Heinrich Schütz

Sermon "Face It and Live" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 342** "There in God's Garden" SHADES MOUNTAIN

*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Voluntary in C" Cesar Franck

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

*Prayer of Intercession Page 105

*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

*The Benediction Page 114

***Hymn 660** "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Crucifer" John Leavitt

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



TRANSLATION FOR TODAY'S ANTHEM

Schütz: Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt
For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him will not die but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

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 Emily and Joe Metz in memory of Christine Metz Monte.



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

MUSIC AT ST. LUKE "SACRED AND PROFANE"  **CONCERT** on Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:30 p.m.: St. Luke community members Patrice Pastore, Erin Winker, Ruthie and Liisa Grigorov will join with two IC faculty voice soloists and one faculty narrator for a concert led by Erik Kibelsbeck and two graduate conducting students. IC music students will make up the chorus and orchestra. Music of Haydn, Schubert, and Walton.

STUDENT DISCUSSION/STUDY GROUP meets on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the study, with a Lutheran 101 focus. Please come and share.

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.

ST. LUKE NEWS

Holy Cross

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ACOLYTES, READERS AND ASSISTING MINISTERS, if you have not turned in your October – December schedule please fill out a form in the narthex and leave it on Michelle Gray's desk. If you are interested in volunteering you can also fill out a form or talk with PB for more information.

TODAY FAITH AND CARE LUNCH & COFFEE HOUR, 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.



ORDERING NAME TAGS! We will be placing an order for name tags. They are magnetic, oblong in shape, with a blue border and the St. Luke logo. Each cost only \$7.00 and they make a perfect gift! See Emily or Joe Metz to place your order or call 272-8326. Satisfaction guaranteed.

INTERESTED IN A LUNCH TIME BIBLE STUDY? Monday Midday Brown Bag Bible Study (MMBBBS) continues 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.

TIME TO UPDATE THE ST. LUKE DIRECTORY! Through the month of September, a notebook with a copy of the congregational directory is in the 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.

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

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.

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.

FAITH AND CARE: *USHERS:* Meeri Kaaret & Ronald Shewchuk; *GREETERS:* Matthias & Lukas Liepe; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Lexa Liepe; *ACOLYTES:* Katie Peterson; *READERS:* Gabe Hohag & Lu Poley; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET UP:* Mary Margaret Carmichael & *CLEAN UP:* Mary Margaret, Skip and John Carmichael; *BAKERS (after church):* Andy & Deb Novakovic.

NEXT SUNDAY: Now the Feast and Celebration, Holy Communion Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Ezekiel 2: 8 – 3: 11; Ephesians 2: 4-10; Matthew 9: 9-13; Sermons: "Share" and "Mind-Bending Images of God"; Hymns: 427, 421, 485, 584.

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