

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF GOD. *The discipline of obedience seems to be out of favor in this age. We are more familiar with abuses caused by demands for absolute obedience to political or financial systems, tribal causes or personal charismatic leaders. We know authority can be abused and power can be mishandled. Today's lessons contain proclamations about authority and obedience, about ego and humility, about mouthing off loudly and lying quietly, about a life of service.*

**The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.**

**PREPARATION**

Prelude "Sacris Solemnis" and "Alma Redemptoris Mater"  
Marcel Dupre

Moment of Silence

\*Invocation

\*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

\*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 106

\***Hymn 416** "At the Name of Jesus" KING'S WESTON

\*The Greeting Page 98

\*Kyrie Page 98

\*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" Page 99

\*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: God of love, giver of life,

ALL: **you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS**

Word of Welcome Amy Munson

First Lesson – Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32

*The assembly sings the following refrain echoing the choir at the beginning and then as indicated by the "R".*

**Psalm 25:1-10 (Refrain 4)**

Linda Cable Shute

Re - mem - ber, O LORD, your com - pas - sion and love, for  
they are from ev - er - last - ing.

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**Psalm 25: 1-10**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. **R**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. **R**

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. **R**

Second Lesson – Philippians 2: 1-13

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

\*The Holy Gospel – Matthew 21: 23-32

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Wyatt and Ethan Bertram  
*See the order inside the back cover of the hymnal*

Children's Sermon "Unfair" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Christus Factus Est" Anton Bruckner

Sermon "Q & A Time With the Religious Leaders" Pastor Bair

\***Hymn 447** "O Blessed Spring" BERGLUND

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

Offering

Offertory "Trio en passacaille" Andre Raison

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

\*Prayer of Intercession Page 105

\*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

\*The Benediction Page 114

\***Hymn 806** "O God, My Faithful God"  
WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT

\*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Toccatina in e minor" Johann Pachelbel

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



**TRANSLATION FOR TODAY'S ANTHEM**

Bruckner: Christus Factus Est

*Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death of the cross. Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a Name which is above all names.*

**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.

**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.

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

# ST. LUKE NEWS

## Pentecost 20

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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 – FIRST COMMUNION MEETING** with children and parents at 6:00 p.m. **CATECHUMEN MEETING** with teens and parents at 7:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class begins next Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

**NEW HUMANITY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** will be due **Friday, October 10** for the Reformation issue. Please submit your articles to Michelle Gray at [lluthera@twcny.rr.com](mailto:lluthera@twcny.rr.com)

**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](mailto:mjudy@twcny.rr.com)

**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.

**VOICES OF HOPE:** Addressing Social Justice Issues from a "Faith Perspective" will be held Wednesday, October 1, at 7 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 306 N. Aurora in Ithaca. It will feature Dr. Sheila Cassidy who as a young doctor was imprisoned and tortured for treating a wounded revolutionary in Pinochet's Chile. She is the author of Audacity to Believe: The Witness of a Political Prisoner. Refreshments will be served and a \$10 donation is suggested.



**LAST CHANCE -- DID YOU UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION IN THE ST. LUKE DIRECTORY?** There is a notebook with a copy of the congregational directory 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.

**REGISTER TO VOTE.** Deadlines for voter registration and absentee ballots are fast approaching. If you are not already registered to vote, pick up a form in the narthex and mail it in. If you are a student, you may legally register to vote either in New York or in your home state, but if you are voting in another state, be sure to request an absentee ballot ASAP if you have not already done so. For information on requesting an absentee ballot, go to your county board of election's website or to [www.declareyourself.com](http://www.declareyourself.com).

**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 October 5 and October 19 to sign up for November and December volunteer opportunities.



**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](mailto:sbh1@cornell.edu), Day 255-4864, Eve 564-3483 for information.

**FAITH AND CARE LUNCH & COFFEE HOUR, Sunday, October 12,** after the Worship Service. The lunch will be hosted by the October Faith and Care Team for the November 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.

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

**CROP WALK is Sunday, October 19th.** This is a 5-mile walk for hunger awareness and disaster relief is sponsored by Area Congregations Together (A.C.T.) and Church World Service. Come to the Social Ministry table (red tablecloth) in the narthex after services to find out how you can be a walker or a sponsor! This year, you can even register on the web to receive credit-card donations. Talk to Suz Snedeker at [sms31@cornell.edu](mailto:sms31@cornell.edu), 266-9218 for more information



**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 & Angus Godwin; *GREETERS:* Barbara & Donald Christensen; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Joe Marion; *ACOLYTES:* Jakob & Kyle Markwardt; *READERS:* Ruth Grigorov & Beth Housel; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP* Jo Ann Ekdahl; *CLEAN-UP:* Mary Margaret, Skip and John Carmichael; *BAKERS (after church):* Beth Housel & Lu Poley.

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**NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 21, WORLD Communion Sunday**, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Isaiah 5: 1-7; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 23-32; Sermons: "Grapes" and "Choose Between"; Hymns: 819, 650, 488, 674.

**ST. LUKE MINISTERS:** The People of this Community

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