

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF GOD. The evangelists report a lot of partying and eating together. The Gospels tell of wedding feasts, dinners, the feeding of crowds, and of quieter meals together, like the Last Supper. Jesus ate with many different people in many different settings. Frequently, Jesus is pictured at table telling stories, which themselves sometimes involve meals and banquets. In Jesus' day, even more than today, eating together was a way of establishing community, offering hospitality, building trust and friendship, and firming up alliances. The actions of inviting to a meal and of accepting were full of significance. People were expected to put aside weapons and animosities as they sat together at table. Thus, the banquet is presented as an image of the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

- Prelude "Nyt ylös, sieluni" Finnish Folk Tune  
Moment of Silence  
\*Invocation  
\*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94  
\*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 106  
\*Hymn 532 "Gather Us In" GATHER US IN  
\*The Greeting Page 98  
\*Kyrie Page 98  
\*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" Page 99  
\*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Lord of the feast,

ALL: **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome

Peter Eliason

First Lesson – Isaiah 25: 1-9

Psalm 23 (Choir will sing)

Thomas Tompkins

Second Lesson – Philippians 4: 1-9

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

\*The Holy Gospel – Matthew 22: 1-14

Children's Sermon "Shelter" Pastor Bair

Hymn Anthem 595 "Jesus Loves Me" JESUS LOVES ME  
Verse 1: children; Verses 2-3: all

Sermon "Ordination and Subordination" Pastor Bair

\*Hymn 827 "Arise, My Soul, Arise!" NYT YLÖS, SIELUNI

\*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Rejoice in the Lord Always" Henry Purcell

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

\*Prayer of Intercession Page 105

\*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

\*The Benediction Page 114

\*Hymn 547 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" THE ASH GROVE

\*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Rondeau from Abdelazar" Henry Purcell

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

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TEXT FOR TODAY'S OFFERTORY

Henry Purcell

*Rejoice in the Lord Always and again I say, rejoice! Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and mind through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**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 Jane-Margaret Bender in memory of her mother, Sandra Pittman.

**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.

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

**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 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, Day 255-4864, Eve 564-3483 for information.

**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.

**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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:stluke-campusministry-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

**ST. LUKE NEWS**  
**PENTECOST 22**  
**12 October 08**

**TODAY - COFFEE HOUR:** The Coffee Hour after the service today will be downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come for a cup of coffee, tea, and cookies. It is a great way to meet and talk with one another. Please make the trip downstairs—by steps or elevator.

**TODAY - FAITH AND CARE LUNCH** will follow the coffee hour. The lunch will be hosted by the October Faith and Care Team for the November volunteers. Everyone is invited to share! This is an opportunity to volunteer to help with the November Faith and Care group.




**CROP WALK - Food for Thought.** As we struggle with news of the financial crisis in the past week, there are even more sobering statistics on how half of the world lives. It is estimated that 50% of the world's population (2.8 billion people) lives on less than \$2.00 per person per day. For us, \$2.00 buys a medium cup of coffee; the other half of the world have no toilets, and no running water. Please help us help Church World Service to end poverty and hunger, provide aid relief for disaster victims, and bring sustainable development to all corners of the world.



Please sponsor a CROP Walker today (see sponsor sheet in today's bulletin). Our St. Luke walkers that have signed up so far include: Pastor Rick Bair, Danielle DuBois, Mary Margaret Carmichael, Claire Chadwick, The Hoskins Family, David Jung, Chris Orilall, The Peters Family, Katie and Beth Peterson, Daniel and Suzanne Snedeker, Kaye Westfall, and Carl Whittaker. Turn in what you can give today at the Social Ministry CROP Walk table in the narthex. Every penny, every dime, every dollar counts and is appreciated.

**COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m.**

 **RENAISSANCE CHORAL VESPERS** with the five-voice choral group "Luscinia" on **Tuesday, October 14, at 7:30 p.m.** The traditional vespers service with an abundance of ethereal Renaissance-era music. In a frenetic and unsettled world, come for a while and connect with the peace from above.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:* Ev Markwardt & Pegi Ficken; *GREETERS:* Ruth Sherbon & Earl Ekdahl; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Joe Marion; *ACOLYTES:* Kyle & Jakob Markwardt; *READERS:* Nola Booth & Dave Wohlhueter; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP & CLEAN UP:* Mary Margaret & Skip Carmichael; *BAKERS: (after church):* Ruth Sherbon & Jo Ann Ekdahl.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 23, Holy Communion Service,** 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Isaiah 45: 1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22; Sermons: "Anoint/Call" and "A Hearing on the Tax Bill"; Hymns: 413, 686, 678.

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