

WELCOME, IN THE NAME OF GOD. Have you ever heard a church building referred to as a “God-box”? These lessons proclaim that we cannot confine God to any specific place -- or even, to any specific ideology (a lesser god or idol). Perhaps the most stunning reminder this day is in the first line of the Isaiah lesson. Cyrus, the great Persian king, is called the Lord’s anointed. He conquered Babylon and released the Exiles. As Babylonians feasted and praised the gods of silver, gold, brass, iron, wood and stone, a hand wrote on the wall for the king to see “God has numbered your kingdom” [Dan 5: 25-28]. The Bible remembers Cyrus as an enlightened monarch. His rise to power was marred by no deed of violence; he ruled both ably and humanely. In the Gospel lesson the Pharisees and Herodians try to build a box to capture and confine this Jesus, by asking a taxing question. Jesus’ well-known response proclaims: you can neither trick nor confine God.

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

PREPARATION

Prelude “Sheep May Safely Graze”	J. S. Bach
Moment of Silence	
*Invocation	
*Order for Confession and Forgiveness	Page 94
*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace	Page 152
* Hymn 413 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”	NICAEA
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*Kyrie	Page 98
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*Prayer of The Day	

Pastor: Sovereign God,

ALL: **raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome	George Conneman
First Lesson – Isaiah 45: 1-7	

Psalm 96: 1-8 (sung responsively)

Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

²Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.

³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised, more to be feared | than all gods.

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols; but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

⁶Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence; power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD.

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 – 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

*Gospel Acclamation	Page 102
*The Holy Gospel – Matthew 22: 15-22	
Children's Sermon “Anoint”	Pastor Bair
Anthem “Sing to the Lord”	Heinrich Schütz
Sermon “A Hearing on the Tax Bill”	Pastor Bair
* Hymn 686 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”	HEATH
*The Nicene Creed (note revised translation)	Page 104
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GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

Offering	
Offertory “Nicaea”	Healey Willan
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*Holy, Holy, Holy	Page 108
*Eucharistic Prayer – In the night...”	Page 108
*The Lord’s Prayer	Page 112
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*The Communion	
Music during communion: Hymn 488 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”	Schmücke Dich
*Prayer	Page 114
*The Blessing	Page 114
* Hymn 705 “God of Grace and God of Glory”	CWM RHONDDA
*The Dismissal	Page 115
Postlude “Fugue sur les jeux d’anches”	Francois Couperin
<i>*Please stand for this part of the liturgy or remain seated as you need.</i>	

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THANKS TO Liisa Ambegeokar Grigorov and her Cornell flute students Alice Geglio, Rachel Harewood, Olivia Penharlow, Fiona Dooley, and Yi Lei Qian for playing today’s prelude.

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 the Mehravari family in celebration of Peter’s 25th birthday.

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

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.

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

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DIAPER PROJECT FOR THE KITCHEN CUPBOARD



Volunteers are needed to assist with the assembly of diaper bags to be distributed by the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard. We'll be meeting downstairs in the forum classroom after service on 2 November to put over 100 bags together. Thrivent provided over \$650 for the purchase of the diapers, so we particularly need the help of six Thrivent members to meet the project requirements. Please bring your coffee and cookies downstairs and pitch in.

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.

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 & Danielle DuBois; *GREETERS:* Ruth Sherbon & Matthias Liepe; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Claire Chadwick; *ACOLYTE:* Katie Peterson; *READERS:* Angie Wolfgang & Mary Margaret Carmichael; *COMMUNION SET UP:* Bill & Grais Brown & *CLEAN UP:* Velma Markwardt; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP:* Bill & Grais Brown; *CLEAN-UP:* Ruth Sherbon & Velma Markwardt; *BAKERS (after church):* Sara Wells & Grais Brown.

NEXT SUNDAY: Reformation, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Romans 3: 19-28; John 8: 31-36; Sermons: "Free" and "Contradiction or Evolution of Scripture and Faith"; Hymns: 503, 504, 517, 645.

CHURCH SERVICES AND PROGRAMS LOOKING AHEAD

Today – Crop Walk starts at 2:00 p.m. (*be there at 1:30 p.m.,*) on The Commons.

Saturday, November 1 – Time Change, set clocks back an hour before you go to bed.

Sunday, November 2 – Gabriel Faure: *Requiem*, The St. Luke Choir, with orchestra during All Saints Service.

- Welcome to the Lord's Table 1st Communion Students.
- Diaper Project, Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard – Forum Classroom after worship.
- Adopt A Student Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Friday, November 7 – New Humanity Newsletter articles due for the Advent issue.

Sunday, November 9 – Social Ministry meeting at 8:30 a.m.

- Stewardship Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 18 – Concert: Kulmusik, The IC Contemporary Chamber Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke.

Don't Forget – On Monday's Mid-Day Brown Bag Bible Study at 12:15-1:00; Tuesday's Student Discussion Group at 6:00 p.m.; and Quilting for the World – First and Third Thursday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. Everyone welcome!

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 to sign up for November and December volunteer opportunities.



ADOPT A STUDENT FALL DINNER will be held Sunday, November 2, 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (downstairs). Drinks and ice cream will be provided. We ask that each family/student group bring a main dish, salad, or side dish (if you have more than one student, please bring more than one dish). Students and families are encouraged to cook together if at all possible. We are still looking for a few more students (families are ready to "adopt" you!). Please RSVP to Judy Mehravari, or let her know if you have any questions. mjudy@twcny.rr.com or 257-8653.

TODAY - CROP WALK - Food for Thought. It's not too late you can still sponsor a walker! 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.



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.

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

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