

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME to this Reformation Day. On October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg (Germany), he affirmed the center of God's Word to be in the gospel of God's grace in and through Jesus Christ. He called the church to study, to pray, to converse, and to act. Through the Spirit, God calls people to a living and dynamic faith which can (should?) be expressed in lively dialogue with the living God, as well as with one another. God's Spirit invites us to hear and respond to that same call today. God calls us to live lives re-formed by and around God's grace, as we are freed to serve both God and our neighbor in love. Enjoy your "free" copy of the 95 Theses.

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Ein Feste Burg" Michael Praetorius

Moment of Silence

***Hymn 503** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *verses 1 & 2*
EIN FESTE BURG

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 152

***Hymn 504** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *verses 3 & 4*
EIN FESTE BURG

*The Greeting Page 98

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*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" Page 99

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Almighty God,

ALL: **gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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

Peter Cousins

First Lesson – Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalm 46 (sung responsively)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth
be moved, and though the mountains shake in
the depths of the sea;**

**though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

**There is a river whose streams make glad
the city of God, the holy habitation of the
Most High.**

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.**

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up-
on the earth;**

**behold the one who makes war to cease in all the
world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

**Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be
exalted in the earth."**

**The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

**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 3: 19-28

*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

*The Holy Gospel – John 8: 31-36

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Alexander Greer Sheets
See the order inside the back cover of the hymnal

Children's Sermon "Free" Pastor Bair

Anthem "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"
(text at hymn 442) J. S. Bach

Sermon "Reform Toward a Good Exclusion" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 517** "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"
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A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Adagio and Allegro" Benedetto Marcello

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

*Prayer of Intercession Page 105

*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

*The Benediction Page 114

***Hymn 645** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Jesu, nun sei gepreiset" J.S. Bach

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

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THANKS TO trumpeters James Covington and Cyril Bodnar
and trombonists Alex Knutrud and Michael Nave for their
contribution to worship today.

A SPECIAL WELCOME to those worshipping here today in
order to share in the baptism of Alexander Sheets, especially his
grandparents The Rev. Henry and Carole Gathagan, and
Dwight and Mary Sheets.

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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Ruth
Sherbon in celebration of John's birthday.

HEARING ASSIST devices are available from the table in the
narthex. Each device has an earpiece and volume control.

DO WE HAVE AMONG US anyone who can do **SIGN
LANGUAGE?** Please contact PB.

ST. LUKE NEWS
Reformation Sunday
26 October 08



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, TIME CHANGE.
 Next week turn your clocks **back** one hour,
 Saturday night, November 1.

Stewardship
Stories to Tell and Gifts to Share
9:30 a.m., November 9, 2008
Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

Come hear about our stewardship efforts.
Rejoice in God's many gifts that we share.

"Return to your home and declare how much God has done for you"
 Luke 8: 39

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.

NEW HUMANITY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES will be due **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7** for the Advent/Christmas issue. Please submit your articles to Michelle Gray at lluthera@twcny.rr.com.

ADULT FORUM "The Role of Christians as Citizens in the Political Process." Co-facilitated by Professor Brad Wendel (Cornell Law School) and PB.

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 November 2, and November 16, to sign up for December and January volunteer opportunities.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

CROP WALK – THANK YOU to our walkers and sponsors for making this year's CROP Walk a success. You can still contribute to this effort. Just bring contributions to the Social Ministry table in the narthex. Please contact Suzanne Snedeker with any questions, (266-9218).

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:* Diane Ricotta & Marnie Johnson; *GREETERS:* Ev Markwardt & Barbara & Don Christensen; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Joe Marion; *ACOLYTES:* Janna & Ruth Grigorov; *READERS:* Ruth Grigorov & Dave Wohlhueter; *COFFEE SERVERS:* *SET-UP:* Jo Ann & Earl Ekdahl & *CLEAN-UP:* Susan Hoskins; *BAKERS (after church):* Ruth Sherbon & Velma Markwardt.

NEXT SUNDAY: All Saints, Holy Communion Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Revelations 7: 9-17; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12; Children's Sermon: "Palm"; Hymns: 422, 418, Fauré.

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**ST. LUKE WORSHIP AND MINISTRIES
LOOKING AHEAD**

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

- 9:30 a.m. - 1st Communion bakes bread at St. Luke.

Sunday, November 2 – All Saints Gabriel Fauré: *Requiem*, The St. Luke Choir, with orchestra during the morning 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 – Stewardship Sunday #1

- Social Ministry meeting at 8:30 a.m.
- Stewardship Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.
- Baptism of Mary DeWalt

Sunday, November 16 – Stewardship Sunday #2

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

Sunday, November 23 – Christ The King, last Sunday after Pentecost.

Sunday, November 30 – Advent 1

- Baptism of Sydney Krukonis

Sunday, December 7 – Annual Congregation Meeting

Don't Forget – 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!
