

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME! We draw within sight of the conclusion of the church year. The lessons address the closing time frame. The gospel, in particular seems to proclaim a word about preparedness. The Word through Amos is a later understanding of the great "Day of the Lord" (Yom YHWH). At first, this day was greatly anticipated by the faithful. They thought God would come and inflict punishment upon their enemies while they themselves would be beyond accounting. As Amos prophesied, justice and righteousness will flow as the yardstick for everyone, even the chosen people. These lessons are harbingers of some of the Advent lessons counseling the faithful to be awake, alert and prepared: time is short and evil abounds.

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

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| Prelude "Fugue in e minor" | J. S. Bach |
| Moment of Silence | |
| *Invocation | |
| *Order for Confession and Forgiveness | Page 94 |
| *An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace | Page 106 |
| * <u>Hymn 810</u> "O Jesus, I Have Promised" | MUNICH |
| *The Greeting | Page 98 |
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| *Prayer of The Day | |

Pastor: O God of justice and love,

ALL: illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

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| Word of Welcome | John Sherbon |
| First Lesson – Amos 5: 18-24 | |

Psalm 70 (sung responsively)

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.

²Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

⁴Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

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 forever. Amen.

Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

*The Holy Gospel – Matthew 25: 1-13

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Mary Morgan Dewalt
See the order inside the back cover of the hymnal

Children's Sermon "Trumpet" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Höchster, was ich habe, ist nur deine Gabe"
*Deborah Montgomery, soprano, Ruth Grigorov, cello, J. S. Bach
Lisa Ambegaokar Grigorov, flute*

Sermon "Stewards of Oil and All" Pastor Bair

*Hymn 861 "When Long before Time"
THE SINGER AND THE SONG

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Bist du bei mir" J. S. Bach

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

*Prayer of Intercession Page 105

*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

*The Benediction Page 114

*Hymn 867 "In Thee Is Gladness" IN DIR IST FREUDE

*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Dona Nobis Pacem" W. A. Mozart

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

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TRANSLATION FOR TODAY'S ANTHEM

Highest, what I have is only Your gift. If, before Your countenance, I already, with my belongings, might wish to appear thankful, nevertheless You desire no offering.

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 Trudy Kopp in memory of Gus.

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@yahogroups.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.

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).

ST. LUKE NEWS
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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 on November 16, to sign up for December and January volunteer opportunities.



ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, "KULMUSIK" (Ithaca College's small ensemble for the performance of contemporary music) will give a concert here at St. Luke at 7:30 p.m. The ensemble, which includes both faculty and student members, will also be performing their program at the "Sound Ways" festival in St. Petersburg, Russia later this month. The program includes two completely new works, one by artistic director Sally Lamb, and music of Schoenberg, Carter, and Ligeti.

THE INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT will be **EARLY** this year on November 23, at 9:30 a.m. **ALL** are invited to participate. If you would like to sponsor a table/craft, please see sign-up sheet in the narthex, or email Mary Van Donsel, c_mvandonsel@yahoo.com. Mitten and hats will be collected for Warm the Children.

VISITOR INFORMATION PACKAGE: The Church Council is planning to develop a "Visitor Information package" to be made available to first time visitors. It is intended to include the type of information that would be beneficial to visitors who might not be as familiar with our Church and its surroundings (e.g., directions, parking information, service hours). Suggestions for the type of material to be included in such a packet is solicited. Please send your ideas to Nader Mehravari, 607-257-8653, nmehrava@twcny.rr.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.

MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP EVENT. Interested in getting together with folks from church outside of the Sunday service? Several members of the congregation have expressed an interest in starting an evening fellowship event during the week. The council would like to know how much interest there is in having some sort of event—whether it be a discussion group, a movie night, a kids' night—so if you would be interested in coming to a regular fellowship event, email Tom McSweeney at tjm37@cornell.edu to get on the email list.

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.

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:* Ronald Shewchuk; *GREETERS:* Joan Carlson & Ruth Sherbon; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Jeff Snedeker; *ACOLYTE:* Nola Booth; *READERS:* Dan Snedeker; & Bud Stanton; *COFFEE SERVERS:* SET-UP Lara Stanton; *CLEAN-UP:* Joan Carlson; *BAKERS (after church):* Joan Carlson & Lara Stanton.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 27, Holy Communion Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Mathew 25: 14-30; Sermons: "Encourage" and "What a Talent Led Community"; Hymns: 679, 678, 668.

ST. LUKE WORSHIP AND MINISTRIES
LOOKING AHEAD

Today – Social Ministry Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
 • Stewardship Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. (There will not be a Faith and Care Luncheon today).
 • Baptism of Mary Dewalt
 • Catechetics, 1:30 p.m.

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.
 • Advent Intergenerational Event at 9:30 a.m. No Adult Forum or Church School classes.

Sunday, November 30 – Advent 1
 • Baptism of Sydney Krukonis

Saturday, December 6 – Hanging the Greens at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 7 – Noon - 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!

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