

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME! God brings us to a time of transition. According to the church calendar, we stand in the next-to-last Sunday of the church year. According to these lessons, we stand near the time of fulfillment and consummation. "The day of the Lord", according to the opening verses of the first lesson, "is at hand". According to the second lesson, that day "will come like a thief in the night." The Gospel lesson calls God's people to accountability for what they have received from their master's hand, because the Master will return and ask about their stewardship of it. What might the Master inquire about what he has entrusted to us? What will the Master discover?

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Sonata for Viola" William Flackton

Moment of Silence

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 152

***Hymn 679** "For the Fruit of All Creation" AR HYD Y NOS

*The Greeting Page 98

*Kyrie Page 98

*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" Page 99

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Righteous God, our merciful master,

ALL: **you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome Susan Hoskins

First Lesson – Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

Psalm 90: 1-8, 12 (sung responsively)

Lord, you have ¹ been our refuge
from one generation ¹ to another.

**²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the ¹ earth were born,
from age to age ¹ you are God.**

³You turn us back to the ¹ dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- ¹ ren of earth."

**⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when ¹ it is past and like a
watch ¹ in the night;**

⁵you sweep them away ¹ like a dream,
they fade away suddenly ¹ like the grass:

**⁶in the morning it is ¹ green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried ¹ up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed ¹ by your anger;
we are afraid because ¹ of your wrath.

**⁸Our iniquities you have ¹ set before you,
and our secret sins in the light ¹ of your
countenance.**

¹²So teach us to num- ¹ ber our days
that we may apply our ¹ hearts to wisdom.

**All: Glory be to the Father and ¹ to the Son
and to the ¹ Holy Spirit. As it was
in ¹ the beginning, is now, and
will be for ¹ ever. Amen.**

Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

*The Holy Gospel – Matthew 25: 14-30

Children's Sermon "Encourage" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Ar hyd y nos" Gerald Near

Sermon "What A Talent Led Community" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 678** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"
RUSTINGTON

*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

Offering

Offertory "Sonatine, op. 31, Nr. 3" Paul Hindemith

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

*Prayer of Intercession Page 105

*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

*The Benediction Page 114

***Hymn 668** "O Zion, Haste" ANGELIC SONGS

*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Rustington" Charles Callahan

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

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THANKS TO the St. Luke Sinfonia for the instrumental and vocal leadership this morning.

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 Howard N. Fairchild, Jr. in memory of Prof. Howard N. Fairchild, Sr.

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.

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.

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 today, to sign up for December and January volunteer opportunities.

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND DISH-TO-PASS LUNCH will be **Sunday, December 7**. The 2009 budget will be presented for discussion and action. Please come and share.



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 ADVENT 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 lead 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.

ORDER YOUR COPY OF THE MORAVIAN DAILY TEXT sign up sheet is in the narthex.

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; & Joan Carlson; *GREETERS:* George & Diane Conneman; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Everett Nelson; *ACOLYTES:* Dan Snedeker & Peter Hoskins; *READERS:* Cassandra Engstrom & Helen Shewchuk; *COFFEE SERVERS:* SET-UP Jim & Betta Hedlund; *CLEAN-UP:* Kaye Westfall; *BAKERS (after church):* Joan Carlson & Pegi Ficken.

NEXT SUNDAY: Christ the King, Holy Communion Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46; Sermons: "Pushed" and "In a Family Way"; Hymns: 430, 820, 522, 854.

ST. LUKE WORSHIP AND MINISTRIES
LOOKING AHEAD

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 Krukoni (granddaughter of Ron and Louise McGee)

December 3, 10, 17 (Wednesdays) – Advent Vespers Service at 5:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, December 7 – Noon - Annual Congregation Mtg.

Sunday, December 14 – Worship Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 21 – Church School Proclamation.

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve Services

- 6:00 p.m. – A Family Service with candle lighting and special music. No nursery care provided.
- 9:00 p.m. – A Service of Holy Communion, including candle lighting and special music.

Sunday, December 28 – A relaxed service of lessons, hymns, carols, communion.

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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