

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST THE KING, WELCOME. This is the last Sunday of the church year. Like New Year's Eve, this day shares some images of ending, but more of completing and fulfilling. This observance marks the joyous celebration of Christ's ultimate victory and fulfillment at the completion of time. The day marks Christ's Second Coming in glory and majesty, his coronation as ruler of the universe, and the beginning of his full reign. We laud the king who wears the crown of true love, obedience and loyalty; even as we remember the previous crown of love, obedience and loyalty he wore on that Friday when the sky grew dark at noon.

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

**PREPARATION**

Prelude "Voluntary"	John Stanley
Moment of Silence	
*Invocation	
*Order for Confession and Forgiveness	Page 94
*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace	Page 152
* <b>Hymn 430</b> "Rejoice, for Christ Is King!"	LAUS REGIS
*The Greeting	Page 98
*Kyrrie	Page 98
*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God"	Page 99
*Prayer of The Day	

Pastor: O God of power and might,  
All: **your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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	Tom McSweeney
First Lesson – Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24	

Psalm 95: 1-7a

The assembly sings the following refrain, first echoing the Choir then at the "R" marks in the psalm.

Psalm 95 (Refrain 2) Mark Sedio

We are the peo-ple of God's  
pas-ture and the sheep of God's hand.

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Come, let us sing <sup>1</sup> to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of <sup>1</sup> our salvation.  
<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence <sup>1</sup> with  
thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to  
the <sup>1</sup> LORD with psalms. **R**  
<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, <sup>1</sup> are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- <sup>1</sup>bove all gods.  
<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns <sup>1</sup> of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are <sup>1</sup> also yours.  
<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, <sup>1</sup> for you made it,  
and your hands have molded <sup>1</sup> the dry land. **R**  
<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship <sup>1</sup> and bow down,  
let us kneel before the <sup>1</sup> LORD our maker.  
<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD <sup>1</sup> is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and  
the sheep <sup>1</sup> of God's hand. **R**

Second Lesson – Ephesians 1: 15-23

*Gospel Acclamation	Page 102
Children's Sermon "Shepherd"	Pastor Bair
Anthem "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"	Sam Batt Owens
Sermon "In a Family Way"	Pastor Bair
* <b>Hymn 820</b> "O Savior, Precious Savior"	ANGEL'S STORY
*The Nicene Creed ( <i>note revised translation</i> )	Page 104
*Prayers of Intercession	Page 105

**GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL**

Offering	
Offertory "Largo"	Benedetto Marcello

*Prayer	Page 107
*The Great Thanksgiving ( <i>a cappella</i> )	Page 107
*Holy, Holy, Holy	Page 108
*Eucharistic Prayer – "In the night..."	
*The Lord's Prayer	Page 112
*"Lamb of God"	Page 112
*The Communion	
Music during communion: <b>Hymn 522</b>	
"As We Gather at Your Table"	IN BABILONE
*Prayer	Page 114
*The Blessing	Page 114
* <b>Hymn 854</b> "Blessing and Honor"	AMERICAN HYMN
*The Dismissal	Page 115
Postlude "St. Anne Fugue"	J. S. Bach

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



**TEXT FOR TODAY'S ANTHEM**

*Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly. The earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out. But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part. (Attributed to George Herbert)*

**ADVENT BEGINS next Sunday.** We will be decorated in blue, the liturgical color of hope. The Advent wreath will appear in the chancel to mark the movement through the four Sundays leading to Christmas. The star will also appear in the chancel signaling both a marker for The Child and as an expression of that Child as the Light of the World. The star will remain in the chancel until the beginning of Lent.

**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.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Meeri Kaaret in memory of her parents Elias and Lydia Lehtinen.

**ST. LUKE NEWS**  
*Christ The King*  
**23 November 08**

**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.

**THANKS TO ALL** who coordinated and led the Advent Intergenerational event at 9:30 this morning.

**BUDGET RESULTS THROUGH OCTOBER.** Through 10 months, income from regular giving remains 4% ahead of budget and expenses are slightly under budget. However, along with everyone else, our investments have lost value over the past few months, interest income has almost vanished, and the annual alumni gift letter has not yet been sent, so that few alumni gifts have been received. Overall we're slightly behind for the year. For details, see the next New Humanity, Advent issue, which you will receive in the next week.

**THE SALVATION ARMY WORSHIP COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be held today, November 23 at 5:00 p.m. at 150 N. Albany Street.

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA, AND CHOCOLATE AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!** Fair trade coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and chocolate bars make great Christmas presents - not only are they useful and welcome, but your purchases support providing a living wage to the farmers who grow these crops. These items will be available for sale after church on November 30 and December 14. As always, you can mail in your order form (available on the table in the lobby) and order that way. Please contact Judy Mehravari if you have any questions. 257-8653, [mjudy@twcny.rr.com](mailto:mjudy@twcny.rr.com). Please note that we will have expanded our chocolate bar selection this year!

**WEDNESDAY'S DECEMBER 3, 10, 17** at 5:30 p.m. a brief Advent Vespers Service [Holden Evening Prayer].

**HANGING THE GREENS**, Saturday, December 6 at 9:30 a.m. Come help decorate the church building.

**SINGERS FROM OPERA THEATRE** of the Southern Finger Lakes will present a production of "**Amahl and the Night Visitors**" (a short opera by Gian-Carlo Menotti, recounting a visit of the Three Kings to a poor boy, Amahl, and his mother) on Saturday, December 6, at 4p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Luke, with our own Nola Booth as the title character, along with Robin Booth & Douglas Booth in supporting roles. Admission is free and open to the public.

**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 December 7, and December 21, to sign up for January and February volunteer opportunities.



**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](mailto:nmehrava@twcny.rr.com).

**FAITH AND CARE LUNCHEON** will follow the coffee hour on Sunday, December 14. The lunch will be hosted by the December Faith and Care Team for the January volunteers. Everyone is invited to share! This is an opportunity to volunteer to help with Faith and Care.



**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](mailto:tjm37@cornell.edu) to get on the email list.

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

**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.

**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).

**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.

**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 a.m. 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:* Bud Stanton & Ron Shewchuk; *GREETERS:* Judy & Nader Mehravari; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Michael Clarkson; *ACOLYTES:* Jaana & Ruth Grigorov; *READERS:* Nader Mehravari; *COMMUNION SET UP:* Diane Conneman; *CLEAN UP:* ; *COFFEE SERVERS:* SET-UP: Diane Conneman; *CLEAN-UP:* Jim & Betta Hedlund; *BAKERS (after church):* Lara Stanton & Louise McGee.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Advent 1, Worship Service**, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37; Sermons: "Clay" and "A Charge for the Meantime"; Hymns: 242, 247, 242.

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

**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.

- Amahl and the Night Visitors at 4:00 p.m. at St. Luke.

**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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