

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME. Blessed Advent. God leads us into a new church year and begins to prepare us for the Advent, or Coming, of our Lord at three times: (1) the first coming was on the improbable throne of a manger 2000 years ago; (2) the second coming will be on the throne of the King of all creation in the untimed future; and (3) the daily coming is on the throne of our hearts every day. Blessed is the One who has come, is coming, and will come into the world. The Advent of our God is near. God calls us to prepare.

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Nun komm, der heiden heiland" "Ososo"	Gerald Near Korean
Moment of Silence	
*Invocation	
*Order for Confession and Forgiveness	Page 94
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* Hymn 242 "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn" REJOICE, REJOICE	
*The Greeting	Page 138
*Kyrie	Page 138
*Prayer of The Day	
Pastor: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. ALL: By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.	

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome	Joe Metz
First Lesson – Isaiah 64: 1-9	

Psalm 80: 1-3, 17-19 (sung responsively)

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph ¹ like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned up- ¹ on the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, ¹ and Manasseh, stir up your strength and ¹ come to help us.**

³Restore ¹ us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we ¹ shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at ¹ your right hand, the one you have made so strong ¹ for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- ¹ way from you; give us life, that we may call up- ¹ on your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD ¹ God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we ¹ shall be saved.**

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 Corinthians 1: 3-9

*Gospel Acclamation Page 142

*The Holy Gospel – Mark 13: 24-37

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sydney Elizabeth Krukonis
See the order inside the back cover of the hymnal

Children's Sermon "Clay" Pastor Bair
Including lighting of the first Advent candle

Anthem "Come Now, Savior of the Nations"
(text at ELW 247) Michael Burkhardt

Sermon "A Charge for the Meantime" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 247** "Come Now, O Prince of Peace" OSOSÖ

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Es ist ein Ros" Gottfried Mueller

*Congregational Offertory **Hymn 186** "Create in Me..."

*Prayer of Intercession Page 143

*The Lord's Prayer Page 144

*The Benediction Page 146

***Hymn 241** "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"
WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN

*The Dismissal Page 146

Postlude "Wachet Auf" Paul Manz

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

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TODAY'S ANTHEM combines "Ososo," a new advent hymn of Korean origin which will sing as the Hymn of the Day, with the familiar "Savior of the Nations, Come." In the anthem the women of the choir sing the new hymn, the men the familiar. You can follow the new hymn at #247.

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 Louise and Ron McGee in memory of Louise's parents Onni and Tyne Kujala.

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.

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@twcnr.com.

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

WEDNESDAY'S – DECEMBER 3, 10, 17 at 5:30 p.m. a brief Advent Vespers Service [Holden Evening Prayer]. Everyone welcome to come and share. This week's texts: Psalm 75, Micah 5: 1-52 and Luke 21: 34-38.

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.

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 your New Humanity, Advent issue.

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.



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

2009 ALTAR FLOWER CHART is posted in the narthex. Sign up for the Sunday of your choosing, noting both donor and occasion.

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.



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. Please note that we will have expanded our chocolate bar selection this year!

MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP EVENT. Interested in getting together with folks from church beyond 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.

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

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 & Bud Stanton; *GREETERS:* Linda Muckstadt & Joan Carlson; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Michael Clarkson; *ACOLYTE:* Cassandra Engstrom; *READERS:* Amy Eliason & Bud Stanton; *COFFEE SERVERS:* SET-UP: Quigee Family; *CLEAN-UP:* Susan Hoskins & Lara Stanton; *BAKERS (after church):* Louise McGee & Pegi Ficken.

NEXT SUNDAY: Advent 2, Holy Communion Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Isaiah 40: 1-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8; Sermons: "Pre-Pare" and "Not Waiting for Comfort"; Hymns: 254, 256, 246, 264.

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**FLOWERS OF CHRISTMAS to
Make the Holy Night Radiant**

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

Celebrate the Gift that we receive at Christmas with the gift of a poinsettia plant for the sanctuary. Gifts can be presented in memory or in honor of special individuals. The cost of each plant this year is \$10.00. You will be able to take your plant home after the 9:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, if you wish. Remaining plants will continue to brighten our worship on the Sundays after Christmas and can be distributed to the shut-ins in our parish after the first of the year.



I/we would like to donate _____(number) of poinsettias.

In memory of:

In honor of:

Given by:

TOTAL: \$ _____

Enclosed: _____

PLEASE HAVE YOUR ORDERS IN BY DEC. 19.
Please indicate "Poinsettias" on the memo of your check so that the treasurer can properly record your donation. Place in the collection plate or mail to the church.

Sunday, November 30 – Advent 1

- Baptism of Sydney Krukoni (granddaughter of Ron and Louise McGee)

December 3, 10, 17 (Wednesdays)

- 5:30 p.m. - Advent Vespers Service. The order: Holden Evening Prayer.

Saturday, December 6

- 9:30 a.m. - Hanging the Greens.
- 4:00 p.m. - Amahl and the Night Visitors at St. Luke.

Sunday, December 7

- Noon - Annual Congregation Mtg.

Sunday, December 14

- Worship Service of Lessons and Carols.
- Noon - Faith and Care Luncheon

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.