

WELCOME to the continuing celebrations of the Christmas season, which extends in our liturgical calendar for 12 days until Epiphany (January 6). The echo of Christmas Eve continues today as we hear again the exultant and awesome opening proclamation of John's Gospel. The other two lessons declare the result of God's coming: turning our mourning to joy (from Jeremiah's "little book of comfort") and adopting us as children (Ephesians). Blessed 11th day of Christmas.

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

PREPARATION

Prelude "Divinum Mysterium"	Craig Phillips
Moment of Silence	
*Invocation	
*Order for Confession and Forgiveness	Page 94
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* Hymn 270 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	MENDELSSOHN
*The Greeting	Page 138
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*Prayer of The Day	
Pastor: Almighty God,	
ALL: you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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	Joan Carlson
First Lesson – Jeremiah 31: 7-14	

Psalm 147: 12-18 (sung responsively)

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
 praise your God, O Zion,
¹³**who has strengthened the bars of your gates and has blessed your children within you.**

¹⁴God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁵**God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.**

¹⁶God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

¹⁷**God scatters hail like bread crumbs.**

Who can stand against God's cold?

¹⁸The LORD sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

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 – Ephesians 1: 3-14

*Gospel Acclamation Page 142

*The Holy Gospel – John 1: 10-18

Children's Sermon "Adopt" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 295** "Of the Father's Love Begotten"
 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Sermon "According to God's Good Pleasure" Pastor Bair

*The Nicene Creed (*note revised translation*) Page 104

*Prayers of Intercession Page 143

GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

Offering

Offertory "Mendelssohn" Carl Schalk

*Prayer Page 144

*The Great Thanksgiving (*a cappella*) Page 144

*Holy, Holy, Holy Page 144

*Eucharistic Prayer – In the night..."

*The Lord's Prayer Page 145

*"Lamb of God" Page 146

*The Communion

Music during communion: **Hymn 487**

"What Feast of Love" GREENSLEEVES

*Prayer Page 146

*The Blessing Page 146

***Hymn 300** "The First Noel" THE FIRST NOEL

*The Dismissal Page 146

Postlude "Allein Gott in der hoh" Johann Pachelbel

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

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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 Phillip & Doris Soyering in memory of Anselm E. Soyering, Sr., Anselm E. Soyering, Jr., Hazel L. Soyering and Carol A. Soyering.

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

TODAY - FAITH AND CARE COORDINATORS will be at their table in the narthex and also on **January 18**, for sign-ups for the February and March volunteer opportunities. How can you help?

FAITH AND CARE LUNCHEON, SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, after the Worship Service. The lunch will be hosted by the January Faith and Care Team for the February volunteers. If you can't stay for lunch, coffee is also available. Everyone is invited to share!



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.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS, CARDS, LETTERS, PICTURES from alums and former members are posted on the wall between the men's and women's restroom on the main floor. Check out pictures and updates on alums, spouses, partners, kids, jobs, etc...

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY - QUILTING FOR THOSE IN NEED: Will meet on **January 8** and **January 22** at 9:30 a.m. in our Adult Ed room. 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.

MONDAY MIDDAY BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY (MMBBBS) will NOT be meeting until January 12. Contact Susan Hoskins, sbh1@cornell.edu, Day 255-4864, Eve 564-3483 for information.

LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE – Coming in March 09. Group rate (\$25.00) if we have 10 or more people interested in purchasing a copy. See sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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@yahoo.com.

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: Susan Hoskins & Peter Hoskins; **GREETERS:** Helen Swank; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** ; **ACOLYTES:** ; **READERS:** Nicole Nelson; **COMMUNION SET UP:** ; **CLEAN UP:** Quigee family; **COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP** Quigee family; **CLEAN-UP:** Susan Hoskins; **BAKERS (after church):** Pegi Ficken.

NEXT SUNDAY: Baptism of Our Lord, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Genesis 1: 1-5; Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11; Sermons: "My" and "Being Caught Alive with that Lunatic"; Hymns: 310, 455, 673.

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