

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME to the celebrations of the Epiphany season, which began on The Epiphany (January 6) and extends through the Transfiguration (Feb. 22, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday). The word epiphany derives from a Greek term (epiphaneia) which denoted a special visit by the king or ruler to be among the people. It was a public audience when the ruler and the people interacted. That term was applied to the public presence of God with the people in this Jesus of Nazareth. The Light of the world has come and is increasingly shining in the world -- and being seen. The great opening verses from the first lesson recall that God has been acting on his desire to create light for the world for a long time, because, after all, God saw that the light was good. And the Light of the World in and through this Jesus of Nazareth is very good news, especially for those who stumble in the darkness.

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

- Prelude "Voluntary in E-flat" Maurice Greene
- Moment of Silence
- \*Invocation
- \*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94
- \*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 106
- \***Hymn 310** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" SALZBURG
- \*The Greeting Page 147
- \*Kyrie Page 147
- \*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" Page 148
- \*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Holy God,

**ALL: creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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 George Conneman
- First Lesson – Genesis 1: 1-5

Psalm 29 (sung responsively)

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**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 – Acts 19: 1-7

- \*Gospel Acclamation Page 151
- \*The Holy Gospel – Mark 1: 4-11
- Children's Sermon "My" Pastor Bair
- Anthem "This is my Beloved Son" Dan Uhl
- Sermon "Being Caught Alive with That Lunatic" Pastor Bair
- \***Hymn 455** "Crashing Waters at Creation" STUTTGART
- \*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

- Offering
- Offertory (two settings) "Wie Schoen Leuchtet der Morgenstern" Buxtehude and J.C. Bach

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

- \*Prayer of Intercession Page 152
- \*The Lord's Prayer Page 154
- \*The Benediction Page 155
- \***Hymn 673** "God, Whose Almighty Word" ITALIAN HYMN
- \*The Dismissal Page 155
- Postlude "Stuttgart" Mark Sedio

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



**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.

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

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

**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.

**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.

**ST. LUKE NEWS**  
**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**11 January 09**

**TODAY - FAITH AND CARE LUNCHEON**, 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!



**"COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT"** will be offered at 8pm on Tuesday, January 27. Compline is the order for prayer at the close of the day, and the ELW setting will form the basis of a service with ancient chant and timeless choral music of the Renaissance. Candlelight will help transport participants to a place where creation and eternity coalesce into one. Part of "Music at St. Luke."

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

**MONDAY MIDDAY BROWN BAG STUDY (MMBBBS)** – will continue their study on Mondays at 12:15 p.m. in the Adult Education Room. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Susan Hoskins, [sbh1@cornell.edu](mailto:sbh1@cornell.edu), Day: 255-4864, Eve: 564-3483.

**FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY - QUILTING FOR THOSE IN NEED:** Will meet on **Thursday, 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.

**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.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY LIST SERVE.** To join, send an e-mail: [stluke-campusministry-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:stluke-campusministry-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

**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: GREETERS:** Kristina Wight & Joan Carlson; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Everett Nelson; **ACOLYTES:** Ruth Grigorov & Brittany Clark; **READERS:** Ruth Grigorov & Helen Shewchuk; **COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP** Quigee family; **CLEAN-UP:** ; **BAKERS (after church):** Pegi Ficken & Beth Peterson.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** We observe the Confession of St. Peter, which marks the beginning of the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Our Church School will present the annual Christmas Proclamation which was snowed out in December; 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Acts 4: 8-13; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-5; Matthew 16: 13-19; Sermons: "Rock" and "Keys of the Kingdom"; Hymns: 420, 652, 654, 597.

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