

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME to the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which opens on January 18, The Confession of St. Peter. Peter was the first to confess Jesus was the anointed one of God. Jesus affirmed Peter's bold coverage in making such a witness. Yet, Jesus also challenges and shapes Peter's image of who such a Christ is. Will we confess this Jesus as the Christ? Will we be open to him reshaping our image of who he is?

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

PREPARATION

- Prelude "Kings Lynn" James Mansfield
- Moment of Silence
- *Invocation
- *Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94
- *An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 106
- ***Hymn 420** "By All Your Saints" (vss. 1, 7 & last) KING'S LYNN
- *The Greeting Page 147
- *Kyrie Page 147
- *Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" Page 148
- *Prayer of The Day
 - Pastor: Almighty God,
 - ALL: **you inspired Simon Peter to confess Jesus as the Messiah and Son of the living God. Keep your church firm on the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

- Word of Welcome Chris Peters
- First Lesson – Acts 4: 8-13

Psalm 18: 1-5, 19 (sung responsively)

¹I love you, O ¹ LORD my strength,
O LORD my stronghold, my crag, ¹ and my haven;
²**my God, my rock in whom I ¹ put my trust,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, ¹ and
my refuge.**

³I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy ¹ to be praised, and so shall I be saved ¹ from my enemies.

⁴**The breakers of death rolled ¹ over me,
and the torrents of oblivion made ¹ me afraid.**

⁵The cords of Sheol en- ¹ tangled me, and the snares of death were ¹ set for me.

¹⁹**You brought me out into an ¹ open place;
you rescued me because you delight- ¹ ed in me.**

**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 10: 1-5

*Gospel Acclamation Page 151

*The Holy Gospel – Matthew 16: 13-19

Sunday Church School Proclamation of the Christmas Story

As the story is presented, the congregation is invited to share in the singing of carols at various times.

Hymn 257 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (vss 1, 2) VENI, EMMANUEL

Hymn 269 "Once in Royal David's City" (vss 1, 2) IRBY

Hymn 289 "Angels We Have Heard on High" (vss 1, 2) GLORIA

Hymn "We Three Kings of Orient Are" (vs 1) THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse a-far,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.*

*Refrain: Oh, star of wonder, star of night, star of royal beauty
bright; west-ward leading, still proceeding, guide us to the
perfect light.*

Children's Sermon "Rock" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" Dale Wood
(text at ELW 645, vs. 1, 2, 4)

Meditation "Keys of the Kingdom" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 652** "Built on a Rock" KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS

*The Nicene Creed (note revised translation) Page 104

*Prayers of Intercession Page 152

GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

Offering

Offertory "Melita" David Johnson

*Prayer Page 152

*The Great Thanksgiving (a cappella) Page 152

*Holy, Holy, Holy Page 153

*Eucharistic Prayer – In the night..."

*The Lord's Prayer Page 154

*"Lamb of God" Page 154

*The Communion
Music during communion: **Hymn 654**
"The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

*Prayer Page 155

*The Blessing Page 155

***Hymn 597** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" MELITA

*The Dismissal Page 155

Postlude "The Rejoicing" Charles Callahan

**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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jean and Bob Storandt who met when both were Cornell students and have been married 68 years. Thanks be to God.

ST. LUKE NEWS
*Confession of
St. Peter*
18 January 09

"COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT" will be offered at 8:00 p.m. 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."

NEW HUMANITY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES will be due **FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**, for the Ash Wednesday/Lent issue. Please submit your articles to Michelle Gray at lluthera@twcny.rr.com.

TODDLER JAMS: Parents of babies and young Toddlers are invited to participate in Toddler Jams, a 5-week music and movement group lead by Janelle Alvstad-Mattson starting this week here at St. Luke Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 and Fridays 4-5. Toddler Jams is designed for babies 6-18 months old, but slightly younger & older kids can participate as well. To sign up, contact Janelle at janelleam@gmail.com or 607-379-2215.

NEW MEMBERS will be received February 15. Students are invited to consider becoming student or associate members. Orientation session: Saturday, February 14, 10:00 a.m. Speak with PB.

FORUM NEXT SUNDAY will be with Nate Bulthuis, a member of the Dutch Reformed heritage, about his faith perspective.

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

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.

COUNCIL UPDATE. Council had its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 8th. The agenda included, among other things, a proposal to have an accounting firm review our bookkeeping methods to see if we can improve efficiency, which was approved; a discussion about providing financial support for current and future seminarians, for which a subcommittee was appointed to make recommendations at the February council meeting; and a preliminary discussion in which council explored the possibility of becoming a reconciling in Christ congregation, which would involve adopting a mission statement to the effect that we accept people regardless of sexual orientation. The final item is still at a very preliminary stage. Look for more information about it in the next issue of the New Humanity (February). Council meetings are on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY MIDDAY BROWN BAG STUDY (MMBBBS) – continues their study on Mondays at 12:15 in the downstairs library. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Susan Hoskins, sbh1@cornell.edu, Day: 255-4864, Eve: 564-3483.

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.

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.

ARE YOU ACCESSING THE ST. LUKE WEBSITE? [<http://www.stlukeithaca.org>] It includes photos, a calendar of events, documents (from weekly bulletins to the Constitution and By-laws), and 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:* Earl Ekdahl & The Peters family; *GREETERS:* Kristinia Wight & Matthias & Lukas Liepe; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Lauren Mossotti-Kline; *ACOLYTES:* John Peterson & Cassie Engstrom; *READERS:* Cassie Engstrom & Lu Poley; *COMMUNION SET UP: & CLEAN UP:* Joan Carlson; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP & CLEAN-UP:* Jo Ann Ekdahl; *BAKERS (after church):* Everett Nelson & Jo Ann Ekdahl.

NEXT SUNDAY: Conversion of St. Paul, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Acts 9: 1-22; Galatians 1: 11-24; Luke 21: 10-19; Sermons: "Glorify" and "Your Version or Conversion"; Hymns: 420, 517, 796.

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