

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME! This morning we conclude the week of Prayer for Christian Unity by observing The Conversion of St. Paul. This significant and momentous event in the early church began to be observed in the 6<sup>th</sup> century in Gaul. From there it spread throughout the western church, achieving such popularity that both Anglican and Lutheran reformers retained the day on their calendars. The story of Saul/Paul is the story of a turned around life made possible by coming face-to-face with God's grace in Jesus Christ. How does God's grace seek to turn your life around?

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

- Prelude "Erhalt Uns, Herr" Johann Walther
- 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, 8, last) KING'S LYNN
- \*The Greeting Page 147
- \*Kyrie Page 147
- \*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" Page 148
- \*Prayer of The Day
- Pastor: O God,
- ALL: **by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world. Grant that we may follow this example and be witnesses to the truth of 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 John Sherbon
- First Lesson – Acts 9: 1-22

Psalm 67 (sung responsively)

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to <sup>1</sup> us and bless us;  
 may the light of God's face <sup>1</sup> shine upon us.  
<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known <sup>1</sup> upon earth,  
 your saving health a- <sup>1</sup> mong all nations.**  
<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise <sup>1</sup> you, O God;  
 let all the <sup>1</sup> peoples praise you.  
<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and <sup>1</sup> sing for joy,  
 for you judge the peoples with equity  
 and guide all the na- <sup>1</sup> tions on earth.**  
<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples <sup>1</sup> praise you, O God;  
 let all the <sup>1</sup> peoples praise you.  
<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought <sup>1</sup> forth its increase;  
 God, our own <sup>1</sup> God, has blessed us.**  
<sup>7</sup>May God <sup>1</sup> give us blessing,  
 and may all the ends of the earth <sup>1</sup> stand in  
 awe.

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 – Galatians 1: 11-24

- \*Gospel Acclamation Page 151
- \*The Holy Gospel – Luke 21: 10-19
- Children's Sermon "Glorify" Pastor Bair
- Anthem "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Calvin Hampton  
(text at ELW 587)
- Sermon "Your Version or Conversion" Pastor Bair
- \*Hymn 517 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"  
ERHALT UNS, HERR
- \*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

- Offering
- Offertory "Pastorale Sostenuo" John McCabe
- \*Congregational Offertory Hymn 186 "Create in Me..."
- \*Prayer of Intercession Page 152
- \*The Lord's Prayer Page 154
- \*The Benediction Page 155

- \*Hymn 796 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION
- \*The Dismissal Page 155
- Postlude "Erhalt Uns, Herr" David Johnson

\*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 to the Glory of God by Andy and Deborah Novakovic in celebration of their 6<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

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.

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

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 February 1 & 15, to sign up for March and April volunteer opportunities.



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.


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"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](mailto:lluthera@twcny.rr.com).

**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.

**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.

 **FAITH AND CARE LUNCHEON and coffee hour** will be Sunday, February 8, after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The lunch will be hosted by the February Faith and Care Team for the March volunteers. Everyone is welcome and if you cannot stay for lunch, please join us for a cup of coffee. This is an opportunity to volunteer to help with Faith and Care.

**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.

**QUILTING FOR THOSE IN NEED:** Meet on the first and third Thursday's of the month 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 STUDY (MMBBBS) –** will continue their study on Mondays at 12:15 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Susan Hoskins, [sbh1@cornell.edu](mailto:sbh1@cornell.edu), Day: 255-4864, Eve: 564-3483.

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

**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 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:* Helen Swank; *GREETERS:* Earl Ekdahl; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Jeff Snedeker; *ACOLYTES:* Kyle & Jakob Markwardt; *READERS:* Dan Snedeker & Lu Poley; *COFFEE SERVERS:* SET-UP Jo Ann Ekdahl; *CLEAN-UP:* Kaye Westfall & Susan Hoskins; *BAKERS (after church):* Jo Ann Ekdahl.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Epiphany 4, Holy Communion Service,** 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13; Mark 1: 21-28; Sermons: "Prophet" and "An Authority that Rests Upon Authentic Love"; Hymns: 519, 886, 434.

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