

WELCOME TO THE PRESENCE OF THE EXPANDING LIGHT OF THE WORLD. That is the theme of this Epiphany season. Today the first and gospel lessons confront us with this reality: when we are in the presence of the Light, we are invited to come 'clean'. That means entertaining some self-examination as well as receiving a gift. Where and how does God touch, challenge, and encourage your life to 'come clean'?

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

### PREPARATION

Prelude "Agnus Dei" Georges Bizet

Moment of Silence

\*Invocation

\*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

\*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 106

\***Hymn 604** "O Christ, Our Hope" LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

\*The Greeting Page 147

\*Kyrie Page 147

\*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" Page 148

\*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God,

ALL: **with mercy you look upon our weaknesses. Stretch out your wondrous hand to protect us from danger and restore us to health, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome George Conneman

First Lesson – 2 Kings 5: 1-14

Psalms 30 (sung responsively)

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-<sup>1</sup>ed me up and have not let my enemies triumph<sup>1</sup> over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried<sup>1</sup> out to you, and you restored<sup>1</sup> me to health.

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down<sup>1</sup> to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>Sing praise to the LORD,<sup>1</sup> all you faithful; give thanks in ho-<sup>1</sup>ly remembrance.

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor<sup>1</sup> lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes<sup>1</sup> in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>While I felt se-<sup>1</sup>cure, I said, "I shall never<sup>1</sup> be disturbed.

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing<sup>1</sup> into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed<sup>1</sup> me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore my heart sings to you<sup>1</sup> without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you<sup>1</sup> thanks forever".

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 9: 24-27

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 151

\*The Holy Gospel – Mark 1: 40-45

Children's Sermon "Restore" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Jesus, Joy – My Joy Forever" J. S. Bach

Sermon "A Life of Choice" Pastor Bair

\***Hymn 617** "We Come to You for Healing, Lord" MARTYRDOM

\*The Reception of New Members (including Creed) Page 104

\*Prayers of Intercession Page 152

### GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

Offering

Offertory "Andante" Alexandre Guilmant

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\*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 471**

"Let Us Break Bread Together" BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

\*Prayer Page 155

\*The Blessing Page 155

\***Hymn 618** "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" CWM RHONDDA

\*The Dismissal Page 155

Postlude "Fugue in g minor" Guillaume Laseux

*\*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 Angus and Joan Godwin in memory of their parents.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 a.m. on every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. in our Adult Ed room.

# ST. LUKE NEWS

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**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER, Tuesday, February 24, 6:00 p.m.** Many cultures historically developed a “party time” before the onset of Lent, because Lent was a time of fasting and abstinence. New Orleans has Mardi Gras (fat Tuesday) and Brazil has Carnival (from the Latin for “withdrawal of meat” at the conclusion of the party). Our modest nod to the Eve of Lent party tradition is our pancake dinner featuring varieties of pancakes. Also, for dessert, fresh homemade “fastnachts” (doughnut). Come, eat, enjoy, and party – in modest Lutheran fashion, of course. Sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

**LENT BEGINS IN 10 DAYS. ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP – February 25.** Three celebrations of Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. Ashes will be available during each service for those who want them “imposed” – i.e., marked on the forehead in the sign of the cross.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONAL SERIES -** March 4, 11, 18, 25 (Choral Vespers at 7:30 pm) and April 1. We will feature the sung service of Evening Prayer (Vespers). Reflection upon the lessons in Lectio Divina style. Devotions begin at 5:30 p.m. A light dinner follows at 6:15 p.m. consisting of soups, breads and beverages. Sign-ups will enable us to provide the parts of each shared meal. Opportunity for further reflection and discussion can happen during and after the meal. **March 25, soup and bread at 6:15 p.m., followed by Chorale Vespers at 7:30 p.m.**

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** – Please pick-up your offering envelopes located in the narthex.

**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.

 **“MUSIC AT ST. LUKE”** continues with a jazz concert this Tuesday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m. featuring saxophonist Mike Titlebaum, vocalist Catherine Gale, and pianist John Stetch.

**VBS WILL BE UPON US** before we know it! Parish Education is looking to form a group to help plan this wonderful program for our children and youth in the congregation and the Campus Ministry community. If you would be interested, please see or contact Mary VanDonsel: [c\\_mvandonsel@yahoo.com](mailto:c_mvandonsel@yahoo.com) or 315-364-8248.

**SIGN UP FOR MARCH FAITH AND CARE.** The sign-up sheet for March Faith and Care is available at the Faith and Care table today. Take this opportunity to enable Sunday morning worship. Tasks include ushering, reading, preparing communion and providing for fellowship after the service. There are five Sundays in March. Check your calendar. Add your name to the list. Serve the community. See a Faith and Care Coordinator for more information, (Susan Hoskins, Jo Ann Ekdahl, Doris Mowson, and Linda Muckstadt).



**NEED SOME HANDYMAN HELP AROUND THE HOME?** General labor, specializing in light carpentry and interior painting, illustration and graphic design (the old fashioned pre-computer way); and outdoor work in season. Contact Carl Whittaker at 607-319-4046 or [ombuct@yahoo.com](mailto:ombuct@yahoo.com).



**FAITH AND CARE LUNCHEON and coffee hour** will be Sunday, March 8 after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The lunch will be hosted by the March Faith and Care Team for the April 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.



**MAGAZINES TO SHARE?** The Sunday School and Faith and Care will be working together to create poster collages for Faith and Care luncheons. Do you have magazines with pictures of food that we can use to cut and paste? Leave at the Faith and Care table in the narthex. Thanks!

**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.

**LOOKING OUT FOR EACH OTHER:** Nurturing Compassion & Solidarity in Hard Times. **The Fourteenth Annual 40-Hour FAST**, honoring Jesus' 40 day fast in the wilderness and the 40 hour work week will be held Wednesday, March 4 at 8:00 p.m. until Friday, March 6 at noon. **A PUBLIC WITNESS kick-off Event** for the 2009 40-hour FAST. Wednesday, March 4, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Women's Community Building (100 W. Seneca Street, Ithaca). *Come listen to testimonials of community members describing the effects of the current recession upon themselves and their families. Elected officials from the city, county, state and federal levels will be invited to listen and commit to take some action.* **BREAK THE FAST LUNCH AND DISCUSSION**, Friday, March 6, noon at Loaves and Fishes (210 N. Cayuga Street, Ithaca). Sponsored locally by the Tompkins County Religious Task Force for a Living Wage (A joint project of the TC Workers' Center and Justice & Peace Ministry of Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga and a member of the Labor-Religion Coalition of NYS). To sign up for the FAST email: [ereagan@dor.org](mailto:ereagan@dor.org) or phone 272-5062 ext 12.

**FAITH AND CARE:** *USHERS:* Judy Mehravari & Jean Robinson; *GREETERS:* Diane Ricotta & Ronald Shewchuk; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Everett Nelson; *ACOLYTES:* John Peterson & Taylor Engstrom; *READERS:* Gabe Hohag; *COMMUNION SET UP: & CLEAN UP:* Joan Carlson; *COFFEE SERVERS:* SET-UP Jo Ann Ekdahl; *CLEAN-UP:* Judy Mehravari; *BAKERS (after church):* Judy Mehravari & Sara Wells.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Transfiguration, The Service of Holy Communion**, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: 2 Kings 2: 1-12; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9; Sermons: “Listen” and “Go Figure or Figure, Go”; Hymns: 316, 838, 815, 631.

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