

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, WELCOME. Through this observance of the Transfiguration we celebrate an event: God proclaims a relationship. Together God and people mark the transition from basking in the brilliant light on the amazing mountaintop to going with that light to make a faithful pilgrimage through the sometimes-shadowy valley. May the light of God's presence always encourage and support us as God prepares us for the daily, faithful walk of Lent and beyond.

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

PREPARATION

Prelude "Andante" Charles-Marie Widor

Moment of Silence

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 106

***Hymn 316** "Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair" DEO GRACIAS

*The Greeting Page 147

*Kyrie & Hymn of Praise *Sung by choir*

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Almighty God,

ALL: **the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, 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 Peter Cousins

First Lesson – 2 Kings 2: 1-12

Psalms 50: 1-6 (sung responsively)

The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.

³Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.

⁵"Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.

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 – 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

*Gospel Acclamation Page 151

*The Holy Gospel – Mark 9: 2-9

Children's Sermon "Listen" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 838** "Beautiful Savior" SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

Sermon "Go Figure or Figure, Go" Pastor Bair

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

*Prayers of Intercession Page 152

GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

Offering

Offertory "Offertorium" *Sung by choir*

While we have time, let us do good unto all. Be merciful after thy power. If thou hast much, give plenteously; if thou hast little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little: for so gatherest thou thyself a great reward in the day of necessity. He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord: and look, what he layeth out, it shall be paid him again. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Give alms of thy goods and never turn thy face from any poor man; and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

*Prayer Page 152

*The Great Thanksgiving (*a cappella*) Page 152

*Holy, Holy, Holy *Sung by choir*

*Eucharistic Prayer – In the night..."

*The Lord's Prayer Page 154

*The Communion

Music during communion:

"Lamb of God" *Sung by choir*

Hymn 815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

*Prayer Page 155

*The Blessing Page 155

***Hymn 631** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

*The Dismissal Page 155

Postlude "Finale in F" Charles-Marie Widor

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

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THIS WEEK THE CHOIR WILL SING several pieces from a communion setting, by Horatio Park; in place of our regular congregational singing: Kyrie, Gloria, Acclamation around the Gospel, Offertory, Holy, Holy, Holy and Lamb of God. The unusual text of the Kyrie refers to the practice of Parker's time of reading the Ten Commandments at the beginning of the service. Both the music and some of the language evoke the ethos of urban American church music of one hundred years ago.

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.

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.

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.

ST. LUKE NEWS TRANSFIGURATION 22 February 09

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Debbie and Andy Antal in honor of Brittany Clark's 18th birthday.

WE HAVE RECEIVED FEWER PLEDGES FOR 2009 than we had for 2008. We are aware of the economic climate we all face. It is not too late to share your pledge or indicate your support for St. Luke Mission and Ministry 2009.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER. Council has discussed sending out the St. Luke New Humanity newsletter electronically. While still printing some paper copies for those who prefer this option, sending electronic copies to 70-80% of our mailing list would reduce costs for paper, printing, and postage. What do you think? Speak with a Council Member.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER, this coming 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" (doughnuts). Come, eat, enjoy, and party – in modest Lutheran fashion, of course. Sign-up sheet is available in the narthex.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP – This coming Wednesday, 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.

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.

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 or 315-364-8248.

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 Choral Vespers at 7:30 p.m.*

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).

A CALL FOR THRIVENT SUPPORTED PROJECTS Once again, St. Luke is soliciting project ideas for support by Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans supplemental funding. In 2009 we expect to receive \$1250 of Care in Congregations funding and also \$2000 of Care Abounds in Communities funding. The funds can be used to buy materials for hands-on service projects (mission quilts, vacation bible school, Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard diaper bags) or as supplemental funding to a fundraiser project (Crop Walk, Adopt a Cow). To be eligible, the project must be supported by the participation of six Thrivent member families from St. Luke. If you have a project idea, please pass it on to a council member, a committee chair, or Pastor Bair. At the March council meeting, the projects will be reviewed and the funding allocated. Please contact Pete Eliason (257-9772) if you have any questions.

CAMPUS MINISTRY LIST SERVE. To join, send an e-mail: stluke-campusministry-subscribe@yahoogroups.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!

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, Day: 255-4864, Eve: 564-3483.

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 or phone 272-5062 ext 12.

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 am on every 1st & 3rd Thurs. in our Adult Ed room.

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.

THE MOBILIZATION IS AN OPPORTUNITY to connect your faith values to discipleship and action! In this economic crisis, more people are losing their jobs, their savings, their homes, and their healthcare. More from the middle class are falling into the ranks of 36 million Americans living below the poverty line, and the billions worldwide who live in extreme poverty. Learn more about social issues through workshops, speakers (such as ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson), and lobby day training. On lobby day visit your members of Congress with other faith-based advocates.

ELCA members receive a special reduced group rate of \$199 until April 24. That is a \$50 savings, but you must register at the special www.sojo.net/mobilizationelca Web link to receive the discount. For ELCA scholarship applications please go to <http://www.elca.org/advocacy>, or call Jackie Maddox at 202-626-7944.

Contact Jodi Deike, ELCA Director for Grassroots Advocacy and Communication at 202-626-7947 or jodi.deike@elca.org with questions regarding the Mobilization event.

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 AND CARE: *USHERS:* Jean Robinson & Marnie Johnson; *GREETERS:* Ronald Shewchuk & ; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Lauren Mossotti-Kline; *ACOLYTES:* Jordan Wight & Cassie Engstrom; *READERS:* Taylor Engstrom & Lu Poley ; *COMMUNION SET UP: & CLEAN UP:* Joan Carlson; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP ; CLEAN-UP: ; BAKERS (after church):* Pegi Ficken & Sara Wells.

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 1, The Service of Holy Communion, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Genesis 9: 8-17; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 9-15; Sermons: "Baptism" and "Seeing is Relieving"; Hymns: 320, 624, 504.

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