

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF GOD. The purpose of Lent is the very heart of the Christian faith: "God so loved the world that he gave . . ." Lent is an opportunity to hear God's Word, to recall and face the reality of the consequences of sin, and to receive the assurance of God's constant and continuing love and forgiveness. Lent is a time to share the central truth of Christianity: the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ to atone for the sins of the world. May God through these forty days draw us to receive the gift and guide us into deeper devotion, faithful servanthood and responsible discipleship.

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Fugue in d minor" Johann Pachelbel

Moment of Silence

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 106

*Hymn 320 "The Glory of These Forty Days"
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*The Greeting Page 156

*Kyrie Page 156

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Holy God, heavenly Father,

All: in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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 Amy Munson

First Lesson – Genesis 9: 8-17

Psalm 25: 1-9 (sung responsively)

To¹ you, O LORD,
I lift¹ up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be¹ put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph¹ over me.

³Let none who look to you be¹ put to shame; rather let those be put to shame¹ who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your¹ ways, O LORD, and teach¹ me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your¹ truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all¹ the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compas-¹sion and love, for they are from¹ everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and¹ my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good-¹ness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and up-¹right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners¹ in your way.

⁹You lead the low-¹ly in justice and teach the low-¹ly your way.

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 Peter 3: 18-22

*Gospel Acclamation Page 160

*The Holy Gospel – Mark 1: 9-15

Children's Sermon "Baptism" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Lead Me, Lord" S. S. Wesley

Sermon "Seeing is relieving" Pastor Bair

*Hymn 624 "Jesus, Still Lead On" SEELENBRÄUTIGAM

*The Nicene Creed (note revised translation) Page 104

*Prayers of Intercession

GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

Offering

Offertory "Third Mode Melody" Thomas Tallis

*Prayer Page 161

*The Great Thanksgiving (a cappella) Page 161

*Holy, Holy, Holy Page 162

*Eucharistic Prayer – In the night..."

*The Lord's Prayer Page 163

**"Lamb of God" Page 164

*The Communion
There will not be music during the time of Lent

*Prayer Page 164

*The Blessing Page 164

*Hymn 504 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN FESTE BURG

*The Dismissal Page 164

Postlude "Alla breve" Jacob Paix

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



WORSHIPPING with this faith community for the first time? Please 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 Ron and Louise McGee in celebration of their 41st anniversary.

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.*

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ONE OF US [LAZETTA BRAGELLI] is having a 103rd Birthday Party this Saturday at Kendal. Please sign the card 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.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour, before turning in **Saturday night, March 7.**

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.

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.

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).



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.

THE ELCA'S NEW/LATEST SEXUALITY STATEMENT was released last week. You can access the statement, as well as other related material by going to <http://www.elca.org/faithfuljourney>. We will gather of interested people to talk about the statement.

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!

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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:* Marnie Johnson & Ronald Shewchuk; *GREETERS:* Ruth Sherbon; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Joe Marion; *ACOLYTES:* Jaana Grigorov & Brittany Clark; *READERS:* Ruth Grigorov & Lu Poley; *COMMUNION SET UP & CLEAN UP:* Susan Hoskins & Doris Mowson; *COFFEE SERVERS:* *CLEAN-UP:* Kaye Westfall & Ruth Sherbon; *BAKERS (after church):* Marnie Johnson & Marlys Wilhelm.

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 2, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Genesis 17: 1-7; Romans 4: 13-25; Mark 8: 31-38; Sermons: "Behind" and "What You See with Your Face on the Ground"; Hymns: 831, 737, 324.

Our 2009 Logo plays off an image known in psychology as a figure/ground effect.

Such an image asks us: What do you see here? Are you more immediately aware of two heads in profile facing each other or are you more aware of a cup, a chalice?

The "edge" which outlines or forms the boundary for one figure also forms the boundary for the other figure.

This process shows that perception is not solely determined by an image on a page, or even formed on the retina. Brain functioning, processing, and interpretation are involved.

This logo attempts to present a message that our faith is grounded on this figure on the cross. How do you perceive who and what that is?

Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "it is only because we follow Jesus that we can be genuinely truthful, for there he reveals to us our sin upon the cross. The cross is God's truth about us, and therefore, it is the only power that can make us truthful. When we know the cross, we are no longer afraid of the truth."

SUNDAYS

- 9:30 am** Church School and Forum classes for all ages from 4 years through adults.
- 10:45 am** Full Sung Services
Communion: March 1, 15, and 29
- 5:00 pm** Spoken Order of Holy Communion
Communion every Sunday.

Each week both orders include the same lessons and preaching.

EDUCATION DURING THE WEEK

- 12:15 pm** Mondays MMBBBS (Bible Study)
- 6:00 pm** Tuesdays Bible Study, questions and conversations with PB.

WEDNESDAY/MID-WEEK

(March 4, March 11, March 18, and April 1)

- 5:30 pm** A 30-40 minute service of Vespers (Evening Prayer) Reflection upon the lessons in Lectio Divina style.
- 6:15 pm** A simple, shared supper of soups and breads.
- 7:00 pm** An opportunity: (1) to discuss together on the biblical texts highlighted in the devotions AND (2) to reflect further upon the ground of our faith.
- 7:30 pm** *March 25 only: Choral Vespers*

YOUTH GREEK PEAK SKI/BOARD/TUBING DAY. On Saturday, March 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. youth from Lutheran churches in South Central NY will enjoy a day at Greek Peak. Our local chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will cover half the costs for the first 25 applicants: you pay \$8 for snow tubing, \$18 for boarding or skiing lift ticket, \$15 for rental of skis or snow board.

Mail your check to David Jung (a chapter board member) at 111 Salem Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850 with your name, congregation, address, phone, and email. Make check to "South Central NY Chapter -Thrivent." Church friends are welcome. You will be notified if you are not one of the first 25, and then you have the option to attend and receive group lift and rental rates. Parents and other adults are welcome and will receive the group rates: \$16 for tubing lift ticket, \$36 for boarding/skiing lift ticket, and \$30 for board/ski rental.

Parents are encouraged to collaborate with the youth for transportation and for chaperoning of the younger participants, as transportation and chaperoning will not be provided by the South Central Chapter.

Each participant (and also a parent or guardian for participants under 18) must sign a waiver of liability. Copies of the waiver can be picked up in the narthex.

MOBILIZATION TO END POVERTY APRIL 26-29 IN WASHINGTON D.C. 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.

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.

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