

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME! The journey of Lent is both a personal and a community encounter. God invites each of us personally to listen to God's Word, to hear God's call, to dialogue with God and to respond in faith through daily life. AND God calls us as a community of faith to listen, to hear, to dialogue and to respond also. How do we hear God's assurance, how do we respond to God's challenge, how do we follow God's leading? This Lenten journey is personal, but it is not solitary. We pray God will renew the world through us; we pray God will renew us for faithful mission and service in the world God so loves.

**The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.**

**PREPARATION**

Prelude "Andante Cantabile"	Giuseppe Tartini
Moment of Silence	
*Invocation	
*Order for Confession and Forgiveness	Page 94
*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace	Page 106
* <b>Hymn 831</b> "The God of Abraham Praise" (vs 1-4)	YIGDAL
*The Greeting	Page 156
*Kyrie	Page 156
*Prayer of The Day	

Pastor: O God,

ALL: **by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS**

Word of Welcome	Lauren Neuendorf
First Lesson – Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16	

Psalm 22: 22-30 (sung responsively)

You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

**<sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**<sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**<sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

**<sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

**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 forever. Amen.**

Second Lesson – Romans 4: 13-25

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 160

\*The Holy Gospel – Mark 8: 31-38

Children's Sermon "Behind" Pastor Bair

Anthem "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" Hugo Distler  
(text at ELW 340, vs 1)

Sermon "What You See with your Face on the Ground" Pastor Bair

\***Hymn 737** "He Comes to Us as One Unknown" REPTON

\*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

**A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES**

Offering

Offertory "Herzlich tut mich verlagen" Johann Walther

\*Congregational Offertory **Hymn 188** "Create in Me..."

\*Prayer of Intercession Page 161

\*The Lord's Prayer Page 163

\*The Benediction Page 164

\***Hymn 324** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" RATHBUN

\*The Dismissal Page 164

Postlude "Fughetta in F" G. P. Telemann

*\*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 John Sherbon in celebration of Ruth's birthday.

**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 hope to see you there. For more information contact Susan Hoskins, [sbh1@cornell.edu](mailto:sbh1@cornell.edu), Day: 255-4864, Eve: 564-3483.

**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

## Lent 2

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#### TODAY FAITH AND CARE LUNCHEON and coffee hour



will be 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.

**ASSISTING MINISTERS, READERS & ACOLYTES:** We need your help! Please hand in your April - June volunteer schedule. If you need another schedule you can pick one up in the narthex. Please leave your forms on Michelle Gray's desk in the church office. Thanks.

**THE ELCA'S NEW/LATEST SEXUALITY STATEMENT** has been released. 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.

**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!

**NEW HUMANITY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** are due on Friday, March 20, 2009 for the Easter issue. Please send articles to Michelle Gray at [lluthera@twcny.rr.com](mailto:lluthera@twcny.rr.com)

**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.

**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).



**WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONAL SERIES** - March 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.*

**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 wavier can be picked up in the narthex.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto:jodi.deike@elca.org) with any questions to this 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:* Ronald Shewchuk & Marnie Johnson; *GREETERS:* Danielle Dubois & Bill Brown; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Lauren Mossotti-Kline; *ACOLYTES:* Peter Hoskins & Ruth Grigorov; *READERS:* Brittany Clark & Andrew Novakovic; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP & CLEAN-UP:* Linda Muckstadt; *BAKERS (after church):* Linda Muckstadt & Andy Novakovic.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 3, Holy Communion Service, 10:45 a.m.;** Lessons: Exodus 20: 1-17; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25; John 2: 13-22; Sermons: "Not's" and "Seeing Other Gods"; Hymns: 803, 757, 337, 727.

**ST. LUKE MINISTERS:** The People of this Community  
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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 15, 29 and April 1  
**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 Student 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*