

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME to the life of God in Christ as expressed through this community of faith. Our Lenten theme invites us for this third week to see on God's gracious grounding of all disciples in the way of the Cross: challenging, mysterious, loving. Today's lessons call us to remember that God is Lord of all people. May God draw us through these days of Lent into faithful and appropriate responding.

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

**PREPARATION**

Prelude "Zeuch ein zu deinen Toren" Ernst Pepping  
Jeff Snedeker, Organ

Moment of Silence

\*Invocation

\*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

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

\***Hymn 803** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

\*The Greeting Page 156

\*Kyrie Page 156

\*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Holy God

**ALL: through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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 Joan Carlson

First Lesson – Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalm 19 (sung responsively)

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

**<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more  
than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than  
honey in the comb.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous  
sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent  
of a great offense.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation  
of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

**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 – 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 160

\*The Holy Gospel – John 2: 13-22

Children's Sermon "Not's" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Give Me Jesus" (text at ELW 770) Larry Fleming

Sermon "Seeing Other Gods" Pastor Bair

\***Hymn 757** "All My Hope on God is Founded" MICHAEL

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

\*Prayers of Intercession Page 161

**GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL**

Offering

Offertory "Mit Freuden Zart" Ernst Pepping  
Jeff Snedeker, Organ

\*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

Music during communion: **Hymn 337**

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" MARTYRDOM

\*Prayer Page 164

\*The Blessing Page 164

\***Hymn 727** "Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth"  
MIT FREUDEN ZART

\*The Dismissal Page 164

Postlude: "Postlude in d minor" Leon Boellmann

*\*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.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Joe and Emily Metz in memory of Bennett A. Dominick, Jr.

**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**  
**Lent 3**  
**15 March 09**

**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.

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



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO PURCHASE AN EASTER LILY** in honor or memory of a loved one? Forms are available on the back of the bulletin or in the narthex.

**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.

**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

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE UPDATE** - St. Luke's and friends bought 75 bags of coffee in 2008! Let's try this again for 2009. Fair Trade coffee and tea benefits the growers of these products, by providing them with a living wage. Most products are also organic, so growers can live in healthier environments (and we get a healthier product).

We have a sort of sale on "Sister's Blend" coffee. Prices for this type are going up by \$.75 per bag, to \$8.00 each, but I bought 2 cases at the old price - so while supplies last, you can still get this coffee for \$7.25.

Order forms are in the newsletter and on the table outside the sanctuary. If you have any questions, give me a call or email. I can bring coffee to you at church if you give me a call. Judy Mehravari - 257-8653, [mjudy@twcny.rr.com](mailto:mjudy@twcny.rr.com)

**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 questions regarding the Mobilization event.

**MONDAY MIDDAY BROWN BAG STUDY (MMBBBS)** - will continue the study their study on Mondays at 12:15. Please join us, everyone welcome. For more information contact Susan Hoskins, [sbh1@cornell.edu](mailto:sbh1@cornell.edu), Day: 255-4864, Eve: 564-3483.

**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.

**HEALTH CARE IN AMERICA - A Medical, Moral, and Economic Crisis.** **Saturday, March 21, 2009 - 9:30-10:00 a.m. - Coffee; 10:00-12:00 a.m. Panel Discussion;** First Presbyterian Church -Court & Cayuga - Dodds Hall (enter through green door). Speakers: Dr. Robert MacKenzie -President & CEO of Cayuga Medical Center; Dr. John-Paul Mead - Internist - Cayuga Medical Associates; Dr. James Henery- Pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Our speakers will look at the costs of this critical issue to hospitals, physicians and patients. Join us for a discussion of how the failing health care system impacts the economic security of families and deprives them of their basic human rights. Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church. Co-sponsors: First Baptist Church, Religious Taskforce for a Living Wage, Catholic Charities, SJC First Unitarian Church, League of Women Voter of Tompkins County, Area Churches Together.

**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.

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

**FAITH AND CARE:** *USHERS:* Ronald Shewchuk; & Lena Trancik; *GREETERS:* Marine Johnson; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Everett Nelson; *ACOLYTES:* Katie Peterson & Jewell Payne; *READERS:* Dan Snedeker & Lu Poley; *COMMUNION SET-UP:* & *CLEAN UP:* Doris Mowson; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP:* Bill & Grais Brown; *CLEAN-UP:* Beth Housel; *BAKERS (after church):* Pegi Ficken and Grais Brown.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 4, Worship Service,** 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Numbers 21: 4-9; Ephesians 2: 1-10; John 3: 14-21; Sermons: "Snakes" and "Seeing is Remembering and Healing"; Hymns: 321, 779, 323.

**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 29, April 5
- 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 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*

#### EASTER LILIES and GIFTS

You may enhance the Easter proclamation by selecting one or both of these options:

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, I/we wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ (indicate number) @ \$10.00 per lily.

**Please check all the appropriate lines and indicate the total amount of your donation.**

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Payment to follow \_\_\_\_\_

**AND / OR World Hunger, Disaster Relief DONATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, I/we wish to provide a donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to:

\_\_\_\_\_ *World Hunger* \_\_\_\_\_ *Disaster Relief*  
Total Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Payment enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Payment to follow \_\_\_\_\_

*Orders for Easter lilies should be into the church by Monday, April 6, 2009. Easter lilies may be picked up after the 5:00 p.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009.*

#### EASTER BREAKFAST

Communion Service, 8:00 a.m.  
Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.  
Communion Service, 10:45 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES**, I/we plan to share in breakfast

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

*Place forms in offering plate, hand to an usher, or mail to church office, 109 Oak Ave., Ithaca, NY 14850, or call Michelle Gray at 273-6811, weekday mornings or e-mail: lluthera@twcnny.rr.com.*