

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME to Good Shepherd Sunday. The Risen and Living Christ comes to be with us as God calls us to go and speak God's Word with boldness. Although it is not exactly clear what tomorrow will bring, God gives us the promise of Christ's continuing presence. We do not round every corner knowing exactly what we will find, but we do round every corner knowing who goes with us: The Good Shepherd who has given his life for the sheep. Today we observe Seminary Day (see first announcement and insert for details).

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

PREPARATION

Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in g minor J. S. Bach

Moment of Silence

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 106

***Hymn 367** "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*The Greeting Page 98

*Kyrie Page 98

*Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" Page 101

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: O Lord Christ,

ALL: good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome Rachel Clarkson

First Lesson – Acts 4: 5-12

Psalms 23 (sung responsively)

The LORD ¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹ be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down ¹ in green pastures and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.

³You restore my ¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ¹ for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ¹ fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ¹ comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD 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 John 3: 16-24

*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

*The Holy Gospel – John 10: 11-18

Children's Sermon "Shepherd" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Psalm 23" Heinz Werner Zimmermann
Ruth Grigorov, cello

Sermon "Abiding and Enfolding Love" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 817** "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"
PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

*The Nicene Creed (note revised translation) Page 104

*Prayers of Intercession Page 105

GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

Offering

Offertory "Interlude" Franz Schubert

*Prayer Page 107

*The Great Thanksgiving (a cappella) Page 107

*Holy, Holy, Holy Page 108

*Eucharistic Prayer – "In the night..."

*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

*"Lamb of God" Page 112

*The Communion
Music during communion: **Hymn 789**
"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

*Prayer Page 114

Recognitions: Choir, Church School Staff, and Students completing programs.

*The Blessing Page 114

***Hymn 385** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"
GELOBT SEI GOTT

*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude: Postlude in f 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.

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 Diane Ricotta in memory of her son Matt.

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.

NAME TAGS. Thanks for helping us all remember by wearing one. Your help in returning your magnetic tag to the rack in alphabetical order is appreciated. Magnetic nametags are not recommended for those who have a pacemaker. We will be happy to accommodate you with a paper nametag.

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.

ST. LUKE NEWS
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TODAY WE SHARE IN OBSERVING SEMINARY DAY, along with ELCA congregations throughout our Region 7. Our synod and region affiliate with and support The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. This observance intends to raise awareness for seminary education, to raise leaders who will seek seminary education, and to raise support (prayerful and financial) for those involved in seminary education. Today's plate offering will be given to The Seminary's Leadership Fund, scholarships for students. Lexa Liepe of our congregation is completing her first year at LTSP.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES for the St. Luke New Humanity Pentecost issue will be due on Friday, May 8. Please send your articles to Michelle Gray at lluthera@twcny.rr.com.

TODAY - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at noon. Brief elections and reviewing the reports from various officers, committees and groups involved in our St. Luke ministry & mission.

PROJECT COMFORT – Mother's Day is next Sunday and this year we will be honoring our mothers by helping other mothers comfort and care for their families. We plan to raise funds for shipping quilts and health kits that Lutheran Relief distributes to families around the world. Last year the quilters completed over 200 quilts and they are well on their way to doing the same in 2009. For the health kits we need donations of (we already have 200 toothbrushes):

- **Hand towels and wash cloths in dark colors**
- **Sturdy combs**
- **Metal nail files or clippers with files**
- **Band aids**
- **Bath size soap in original wrappers.**

A box is in the narthex for collecting items donated. Thank you for your help!

FARMWORKER DAY IN ALBANY, Tuesday, May 12th: Buses, etc., from Ithaca. New York State excludes farm workers from basic rights and protections given to other workers, which include such things as:

- One Day of Rest per week
- Overtime Pay
- Protection when bargaining collectively
- Disability Insurance
- Child Labor Protections

A May 12 (11am-3pm) gathering in Albany sponsored by Rural and Migrant Ministries (see <http://ruralmigrantministry.org/>) will support worker justice for farm workers and passage of the **Farmworkers Fair Labor Practices Act** which would end these exclusions and bring equal protections to farm workers.

The day will include an opening program, visits with key elected officials, lunch, and a rally uniting farm workers and their allies.

Rides from Ithaca: To register for a seat in the carpool, contact Emily Hamilton at erh58@cornell.edu or Laurie Konwinski at 272-2184, or Judy Jensvold at jmj5@cornell.edu or 273-7749 if you would like to form a St. Luke carpool.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PAID VOLUNTEER? It is possible if you are over 55 years old, live in Tompkins County, and have limited income. The Experience Works Federal Program will place you in a local nonprofit organization where you can work and help others. Please contact Ritva Cederstrom (607 272-7570 ext. 110) at Tompkins County Workforce for more information or call 1-800 854 1578.

AREA CONGREGATIONS TOGETHER (ACT), Ithaca's unique multi-faith community service organization, invites members of the Ithaca community to join in ACT's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, from 7-9 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church (cor. N. Aurora and Court Sts.) in downtown Ithaca.

ACT's Annual Meeting is an opportunity for interfaith sharing and celebration. This year, ACT is pleased to welcome guests from the Cornell Muslim Educational and Cultural Associations (MECA) and guest speaker Dr. Mossaad Abdel-Ghany, advisor to MECA, whose talk will be entitled, "Why We Choose Islam."

The gathering will mark ACT's 40th year of interfaith cooperation and community service. Light desserts, ACT awards, and a tour of St. Paul's facility will also be featured. For more information, contact Karen Kaufmann, 257-0528, tunafiki@twcny.rr.com or Allen Lambert, 273-8337, lament@clarityconnect.com, ACT co-chairs.

40-DAY JOURNEY WITH KATHLEEN NORRIS" AND MMBBBS. The Monday Midday Brown Bag Bible Study group will begin a new study using the Augsburg Fortress publication "40-Day Journey with Kathleen Norris." The book is part of a series using the writings of significant authors to guide a faith journey. Each "Day" offers short readings, mediation, conversation and journaling. Extra copies of the guide have been ordered. You are welcome to journey with MMBBBS on Mondays at 12:15 pm in the St. Luke Library or use the guide to travel your own personal journey. For more information, see Susan Hoskins (sbh1@cornell.edu) or Diane Conneman (dyk2@cornell.edu).

SUNDAY, MAY 17, LAST DAY of Forum and Church School.

ITHACA COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT will be held on Sunday, May 17.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT will be held on Sunday, May 24, no morning service; worship at 5:00 p.m. only.

FAITH AND CARE LUNCHEON and coffee hour will be Sunday, May 10, after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The lunch will be hosted by the May Faith and Care Team for the June 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.

SIGN UP FOR JUNE FAITH AND CARE. The sign-up sheet for June 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 four Sundays in June. 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).

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.

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:* Meeri Kaaret & Bud Stanton; *GREETERS:* Dennis & Christine Olson Miller; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Joe Marion; *ACOLYTES:* John, Katie Peterson; *READERS:* Ruth Grigorov & Chris Orilall; *COMMUNION SET UP: & CLEAN UP:* Dennis & Christine Olson Miller; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP* Lara Stanton; *CLEAN-UP:* Joan Carlson; *BAKERS (after church):* Joan Carlson and Judy Tennant.

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter 5, Holy Communion Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Acts 8: 26-40; 1 John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8; Sermons: "Love/Fear" and "More than An Ounce of Prevention"; Hymns: 556, 447, 358, 449.

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