

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME. We usually think of "fruitful" lives as involving primarily productive times. The gospel lesson reminds us that part of the vinedresser's care is expressed through pruning the branches which are receiving nurture but which are bearing no fruit. These times of "cutting back" involve loss -- and change. They lead the vine to redirect its resources and energies so that the harvest may be as full as possible. The nurture comes through the connection with the "abiding" presence of Christ. This allegory can become a metaphor for our lives: as persons, as families, as communities. With limited time and resources, how do we direct them in the most faithful way so that the most healthy fruit may be realized?

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

PREPARATION

Prelude "Schmücke dich" Johannes Brahms

Moment of Silence

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 106

*Hymn 556 "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN

*The Greeting Page 98

*Kyrie Page 98

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

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: O God,

ALL: you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 Susan Hoskins

First Lesson – Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 24-30 (sung responsively)

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

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied.

Let those who seek the LORD give praise!

May your hearts live forever!

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

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, 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.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They 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 – 1 John 4: 7-21

*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

*The Holy Gospel – John 15: 1-8

Children's Sermon "Love/Fear" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" Elizabeth Poston

Sermon "More than an Ounce of Prevention" Pastor Bair

*Hymn 447 "O Blessed Spring" BERGLUND

*The Nicene Creed (note revised translation) Page 104

*Prayers of Intercession Page 105

GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

Offering

Offertory "Come Down, O Love Divine" William Harris

*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 358

"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us" RYBURN

*Prayer Page 114

*The Blessing Page 114

The Commissioning of the Quilts

*Hymn 449 "We Know That Christ Is Raised" ENGELBERG

*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Nun Danket Alle Gott" Max Reger

**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 Marlys Wilhelm in memory of her husband Arnold Wilhelm.

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.

ST. LUKE NEWS

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PROJECT COMFORT – Today is Mother’s Day. We are honoring our mothers by helping other mothers comfort and care for their families. You can join in with gifts of money or items for health kits. Your gifts of money will be matched by Thrivent Financial Programs. The funds received will be used to ship quilts, made by St. Luke Quilters, and health kits to families around the world served by Lutheran World Relief. Envelopes for monetary gifts and lists of items for health kits are available in the narthex. Stop as you have coffee to learn more about what we can do to help others.

TODAY - FAITH AND CARE LUNCHEON and coffee hour, 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).

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.

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.

ST. LUKE'S WON THE "GOLDEN SNEAKER" again this year - we raised \$4,748.38 for the 2008 CROP walk, out of a total raised of \$15,599.38. Thanks again to Thrivent Financial for matching funds.



JOIN HANDS DAY ACTIVITY. Please share after church (approx. 10:30ish) on May 31st for a Join Hands Day activity to benefit the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard. Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans has provided \$500 for us to purchase toiletries and we will decorate paper bags and package the toiletries for boys, girls, men and women. We have 140 bags to prepare. Please join us for an enjoyable and productive lunch as we help the needy in Ithaca.

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.

MAY 31 – PENTECOST. SUMMER worship schedule begins: one service at 9:30 a.m.

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).

CAMPUS GLEANINGS, TRENDS AND INDICATORS. According to studies and reports.

- Nearly half of college freshmen spend more time drinking than studying.
- Most college men are not looking for wild party girls.
- The economy is becoming a factor in the college selection process for next year’s incoming freshmen.
- Those who spend time on social networking (via computer) have lower grades than those who do not.
- Between text messages, IM’s and Facebook, young people exhibit an instable desire to “be” with their friend.
- Teens and college students seem to have little or no time simply to be alone with their thoughts and (they) spend less time simply in the company of other people.
- New England has surpassed the West Coast for the highest number of people claiming no religion affiliation.
- Only 9% of adults have a “biblical worldview”, as defined by a set of tenets, including “The Bible is totally accurate in all the principles it teaches”.

THE ITHACA SALVATION ARMY BAND is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year as part of National Salvation Army Week, May 11-17. The highlight of the events will be a Celebration Festival Concert, Saturday May 16, at 7:00PM, to be held at the First Presbyterian Church, on the corner of Cayuga and Court Streets. There is a suggested donation of \$5. The concert will feature the Ithaca Salvation Army Band and Songsters.

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.

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

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 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.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pastor Bair on interfaith dialogue trip in Turkey. Easter 6, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Acts 10: 44-48; 1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17; Sermons: to be announced; Hymns: 358, 666, 838.

FAITH AND CARE: *USHERS:* Ronald Shewchuk & David Jung; *GREETERS:* George & Diane Conneman; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Jeff Snedeker; *ACOLYTES:* Peter Hoskins & Dan Snedeker; *READERS:* Angie Wolfgang; *COMMUNION SET UP: & CLEAN UP:* Lara Stanton; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP:* downstairs ; *CLEAN-UP:* Diane Conneman; *BAKERS (after church):* Edith Bonwatiz and Marlys Wilhelm.

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