

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME. The risen and living Christ comes to encourage us in two ways. Christ encourages us in our lives as he comes to support, comfort, and nourish us. He also encourages us by prodding and guiding us to move in a direction which reflects God's will. All this encouraging is a sign of God's love. In this time of concluding an academic year, anxious moments are mixed with excitement about the next steps. In this season of preparing and planting, let us take care for the seeds which God provides us. Let us sow them faithfully.

The Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Wondrous Love"	David Johnson
Moment of Silence	
*Invocation	
*Order for Confession and Forgiveness	Page 94
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*The Greeting	Page 98
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*Prayer of The Day	
Pastor: O God,	
ALL: you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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	Gabe Hohag
First Lesson – Acts 10: 44-48	

Psalm 98 (sung responsively)

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.

²O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands; lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing.

⁵Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp, with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it, the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to ¹ judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness and the peo- ¹ ples with equity.

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 5: 1-6

*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

*The Holy Gospel – John 15: 9-17

Children's Sermon "Friends" Everett Nelson

*Hymn 779 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" NEW BRITAIN

Sermon "Love Them Anyway" George Conneman

Anthem Hymn 666 "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Processional" W.A. Mozart

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

*Prayer of Intercession Page 105

*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

*The Benediction Page 114

*Hymn 838 "Beautiful Savior" SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Psalm 19" Benedetto Marcello

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

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PASTOR BAIR is on a interfaith dialogue trip in Turkey he will return on Saturday, May 23.

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 Ev and Velma Markwardt in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

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.

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

TODAY WAS THE LAST DAY of Forum and Church School for the current "school year."

ST. LUKE NEWS

EASTER 6

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COFFEE TASTING TODAY! Lutheran World Relief's Equal Exchange Coffee program has created a new blend of coffee that we'll be trying today after the service. "Created by the adventurous, for the adventurous, Bright Day Brew is a blend of beans from small farmer co-ops residing in the forests of Colombia and on the slopes of Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Equal Exchange developed this blend in response to your requests for a medium roast coffee. Balanced with a malty aroma, and hints of citrus, it's the perfect cup!" As we take the time to enjoy this new coffee, we should also take time to learn about Lutheran World Relief's work in Tanzania and Colombia. LWR's Colombia work focuses on advocating for policies that seek to relocate displaced persons, protect civilians, promote sustainable development, and reach peace agreements that include truth, justice, and reparations. In Tanzania, LWR works to improve the quality and scope for malaria prevention and treatment in rural health care facilities."

Let me know what you think - I do have one case of this coffee for sale - it is only available in "drip" - as well as a variety of other LWR Fair trade coffee after the service. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program. Judy Mehravari mjudy@twcny.rr.com.

TODAY ITHACA COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT will be held.

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

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

ST. LUKE 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 with us after church on May 31st (about 10:30ish) 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.

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".

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.

WANT TO END HUNGER? ELCA scholarships available for gathering. Join Bread for the World members on June 14-16 in Washington, DC, for Bread for the World's Gathering 2009. There will be worship, workshops, meals, music, visits to Congress, and celebration! Learn more by visiting www.bread.org Web site.

The ELCA Washington Office is offering a limited number of scholarships for this event. Applications are being accepted now until May 29, 2009. Go to www.elca.org/advocacy to download the application.

Scholarships will be awarded immediately until June 8, funds permitting, and be processed as a reimbursement. The amount reimbursed will be for both the "2009 Gathering that includes 35th Anniversary Dinner and Lobby Day" option and three nights housing on the American University campus.

Questions? Contact Jodi Deike, ELCA Director for Grassroots Advocacy and Communication, at jodi.deike@elca.org or 202-626-7947.

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. 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).

"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. Each "Day" offers short readings, mediation, conversation and journaling. We have extra copies in the narthex. 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).

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 and Christine Olson Miller; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Everett Nelson; *ACOLYTES:* Brittany Clark and Jewell Payne; *READERS:* Cassie Engstrom & Lu Poley; *COFFEE SERVERS:* *SET-UP:* Lara Stanton; *CLEAN-UP:* Diane Conneman; *BAKERS (after church):* Meeri Kaaret & Lara Stanton.

NEXT SUNDAY: 5:00 p.m. Service Only - EASTER 7, Spoken Order of Holy Communion, Lessons: Acts 1: 15-17; 1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19; Sermons: "Truth" and "No AKA's Need Apply"; Hymns: 392, 403, 855.

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