

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME to the worship and life of this community of faith. To those who begin to return, we rejoice that God gathers us together again. To those who share in worship here for the first time, we extend a special welcome. For all, we offer a special prayer: that God will encourage and challenge us through the Word and through one another to be God's faithful, forgiven and renewed people serving God in the world God so loves.

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Adagio, from the 15<sup>th</sup> Sonata da camera"  
G. F. Handel

Moment of Silence

\*Invocation

\*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

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

\*Hymn 858 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
LOBE DEN HERREN

\*The Greeting Page 98

\*Kyrie Page 98

\*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God..." Page 99

\*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Holy God,

ALL: **your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome George Conneman and Amy Munson

First Lesson – Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18

Psalm 34: 15-22 (sung responsively)

The eyes of the LORD are up-<sup>1</sup> on the righteous, and God's ears are open<sup>1</sup> to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those<sup>1</sup> who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them<sup>1</sup> from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and<sup>1</sup> the LORD hears them and delivers them from<sup>1</sup> all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the<sup>1</sup> brokenhearted and saves those whose spir-<sup>1</sup>its are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles<sup>1</sup> of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from<sup>1</sup> every one.

<sup>20</sup>**God will keep safe<sup>1</sup> all their bones; not one of them<sup>1</sup> shall be broken.**

<sup>21</sup>Evil will bring death<sup>1</sup> to the wicked and those who hate the righteous<sup>1</sup> will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>**O LORD, you redeem the life<sup>1</sup> of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will<sup>1</sup> not be punished.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and<sup>1</sup> to the Son and to the<sup>1</sup> Holy Spirit. As it was in<sup>1</sup> the beginning, is now, and will be for<sup>1</sup> ever. Amen.**

Second Lesson – Ephesians 6: 10-20

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

\*The Holy Gospel – John 6: 56-69

Children's Sermon "Armor" Pastor Bair

Anthem "My Eyes for Beauty Pine" Herbert Howells

*My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddës grace, no other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.*

*One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above: 'tis named when God's name is said, 'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.*

*And every gentle heart that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire. (Robert Bridges)*

Sermon "Choose Your Courses/ And Your gods" Pastor Bair

\*Hymn 810 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" MUNICH

\*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Allegretto" William Boyce

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

\*Prayer of Intercession Page 105

\*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

\*The Benediction Page 114

\*Hymn 537 "On Our Way Rejoicing" HERMAS

\*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Toccata in Seven" John Rutter

*\*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 Nader and Judy Mehravari in celebration of their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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.


**MONDAY MIDDAY BIBLE BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY** will resume **TOMORROW** at 12:15 p.m. (Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.) Join the group for quiet meditation and direction-setting for the coming year. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Susan Hoskins ([sbh1@cornell.edu](mailto:sbh1@cornell.edu)) or Diane Conneman ([dyk2@cornell.edu](mailto:dyk2@cornell.edu)).

**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**  
**PENTECOST 12**  
**23 AUGUST 09**

**CHOIR REHEARSAL STARTED TODAY** – New choir member are always welcome. Contact Erik Kibelsbeck, Music Director for more information.

 **ICE CREAM SOCIAL** – Sunday, August 30, after the worship service. Come and greet new and old friends. Everyone welcome.


**WELCOME BACK STUDENT LUNCHEON** – for new and returning students, undergraduates and graduates. **Sunday, September 6**, after the worship service. Come mingle with friends and welcome new students.

**ADULT FORUM AND CHURCH SCHOOL starts September 13 at 9:30 a.m.** The Adult Forum is a post-high school-age church school class that meets in the Adult Education room downstairs. The topics include faith studies, Bible studies, ethical issues, worship, church history – i.e., ‘forum’ in which to gather with others for the strengthening of our faith through education. For more information contact Pastor Bair. **CHURCH SCHOOL** – we encourage all children and youth from three – years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This coming year, we have a variety of activities being planned including; three-four family activities (game/movie night, pumpkin carving, etc...), special Bible studies for parents/families focused on family issues as well as the Intergenerational Event, Christmas Pageant and Easter Egg Hunt. Please contact Mary Van Donsel for more information, [c\\_mvandonsel@yahoo.com](mailto:c_mvandonsel@yahoo.com).

 **FAITH AND CARE COORDINATORS provide an opportunity for us all to serve.** The Faith and Care Coordinators will be at their table in the narthex **TODAY** to sign up for September and October volunteer opportunities.

**NEW HUMANITY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER.** The St. Luke New Humanity Newsletter will be able to be accessed at our St. Luke web page *soon*. An email will be sent to our newsletter mailing list that will have a direct link for your reading pleasure. We will continue to print some paper copies for you to pick-up in the narthex; and we will send copies to those that are unable to come to church. This will help us reduce the costs for paper, printing, and postage. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 607-273-6811.

**ACOLYTES ARE YOUTH** who share their leadership gifts by assisting in worship. A training session for new acolytes will be held in September, (probably September 19). Please speak with PB if you want to serve as an acolyte.

 **FAITH AND CARE LUNCH & COFFEE HOUR, Sunday, September 13**, after the Worship Service. The lunch will be hosted by the September Faith and Care Team for the October volunteers. Everyone is invited to share!

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** – Our congregation prepares children to share in the Lord’s Table. The class meets for several weeks on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in October and on that First Sunday in November. There will be a student and parents/grandparents/care-givers meeting on **Monday, evening September 29, at 6:30 p.m.** If you have a child that would like to attend the class, please contact PB.

**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.

**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.

**THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE** will be sponsoring a drive for school supplies for the Lutheran World relief late August / early September. A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war or other disaster. School kits help parents continue their children's education, even while living in a refugee camp, for example. A school kit may also be used in adult literacy classes.

**YOU CAN HELP IN 4 DIFFERENT WAYS (OR ALL THREE).**

- 1. Sew** (by yourself or with the quilting group) cloth tote bags needed for the kits. *More detailed information in the narthex.*
- 2. Buy the contents for complete kits:**  
**Each bag needs to contain the following:**
  - Spiral notebook of ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 1/2", totaling 150 - 200 sheets (if using 70- count notebooks, please include three); do not include loose-leaf paper.
  - One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
  - One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
  - One pencil sharpener.
  - Six new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.
  - One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long.
  - One box of 16 or 24 crayons.

**Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.** All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging and pack items in the bag, fold the handles over, and secure with two large rubber bands or tie with yarn. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents on plastic bags. If you don't have a cloth tote bag, please enclose contents in another temporary bag.

- 3. Buy partial kit contents (see list above).**
- 4. Donate money for the committee to buy kit contents.**

There will be a box in the Narthex to collect kits and supplies, starting **August 23**. College students - please consider doing this as a group project (dorm room / floor, housing unit, etc). If you have any questions, please contact Judy Mehravari at [mjudy@twncyr.rr.com](mailto:mjudy@twncyr.rr.com) or 607-592-0848.



**FAITH AND CARE:** *USHERS:* Ronald Shewchuk & Jean Robinson; *GREETERS:* Emily & Joe Metz; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Lauren Mossotti-Kline; *ACOLYTES:* Kyle & Jakob Markwardt; *READERS:* Cassandra Engstrom & Joe Metz; *COFFEE SERVERS:* *SET-UP* Jo Ann Ekdahl; *CLEAN-UP:* Helen Swank; *BAKERS (after church):* Jean Robinson & Jo Ann Ekdahl.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 13, Worship Service,** 10:45 a.m.;  
Lessons: Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9; James 1: 17-27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23; Sermons: "Bridle" and "Turning Religion Inside Out"; Hymns: 557, 806, 772.

**ST. LUKE MINISTERS:** The People of this Community

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