

WELCOME, IN THE NAME OF GOD to the worship and life of this community of faith. To those who 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 in the world.

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Adagio ma non troppo" John Stainer

Moment of Silence

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 106

*Hymn 557 "Awake, My Soul and with the Sun"
MORNING HYMN

*The Greeting Page 98

*Kyrie Page 98

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

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: O God our strength,

ALL: **without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome John Sherbon

First Lesson – Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

Psalm 15 (sung responsively)

LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹ what is right, who speak the truth ¹ from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹ to their friends; they do not cast discredit up- ¹ on a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who ¹ fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹ back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- ¹ gainst the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be ¹ overthrown.

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 – James 1: 17-27

*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

*The Holy Gospel – Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Children's Sermon "Bridle" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Now Thank We All Our God" J. S. Bach

Sermon "Turning Religion Inside Out" Pastor Bair

*Hymn 806 "O God, My Faithful God"
WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT

*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Voluntary in e minor" S. S. Wesley

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

*Prayer of Intercession Page 105

*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

*The Benediction Page 114

*Hymn 772 "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"
EVAN

*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Prelude and Fugue in d minor" J. S. Bach

*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 George and Diane Conneman.

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 on **Monday, September 14, at 12:15 p.m.** Join the group for quiet meditation and direction-setting for the coming year. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Susan Hoskins (sbh1@cornell.edu) or Diane Conneman (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.

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

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.

STUDENT DISCUSSION/STUDY GROUP will begin **Tuesday, September 1,** at 6:00 p.m. in the study, with a Lutheran 101 focus.

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.



ST. LUKE NEWS
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TODAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL – 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 age three – through 8th grade. This coming year, we have a variety of activities being planned including; a multi-age format, 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 Sara Wells for more information, 315-364-7064.



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!



SEPTEMBER FAITH AND CARE COORDINATORS NEED YOUR HELP! We could use some extra helping hands for the month of September. The list of opportunities is on the table in the narthex. If you can help us out please sign up to volunteer.

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.

THRIVENT MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Enjoy a **free tailgate chicken barbeque**, Saturday, September 12, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm by Cass Park Rink and support FoodNet, our local Meals on Wheels program for the homebound. To get your free tickets, all you have to do is contact Diane Conneman via email (dyk2@cornell.edu), telephone (257-1470) or in person. The first thirty people to sign up will receive tickets free of charge. Additional tickets will be \$10 each.

After the barbeque, enjoy the Suffer Jets, our own local women's roller derby team who will compete against the team from Buffalo. Your \$10 donation for that event will be shared with Food Net.

This event is sponsored by Thrivent Insurance to help us know each other better. We in turn can also support one of our important community services.

ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM - Applications will be put out for St Luke's Adopt a Student program late August - early September, with new matches being made by early October. This program matches students from both Cornell and Ithaca College (graduate as well as undergraduate) with St Luke families. Many students enjoy this program because it allows them to see a different side of Ithaca than just their school life. Other's like it because it gives them a "home away from home", as well as someone local to call if they have questions or problems. Families have enjoyed the program because it allows them to participate more actively in college activities (much coveted are IC music majors - you get to go to their concerts!). It also gives families the opportunity to share their families with a young adult. My family has "graduated" two students so far (without paying a penny of tuition). We have thoroughly enjoyed including these young people in our family, as well as meeting their "tuition paying families". Families with young children or pets are especially sought after, as students miss their own families at home. Please consider becoming involved in this very important St Luke's ministry. If you have any questions, please call or email. Judy Mehravari 257-9863, mjudy@twcny.rr.com

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.

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.

THE ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY concluded August 21, after a week of meetings. Among the Assembly's higher profile actions were votes on "The Sexuality Statement" and on "Ministry Policies." Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson wrote a pastoral letter to the church sharing summary details of the votes. [That letter is posted on the bulletin board and copies are available in the narthex]. Four resolutions were passed "beginning with a strong statement about how we will live together in the face of our disagreements":

Resolution 3: "RESOLVED, that in the implementation of any resolutions on ministry policies, the ELCA commit itself to bear one another's burdens, love the neighbor, and respect the bound consciences of all." (Adopted 771-230 as amended).

Resolution 1: "RESOLVED, that the ELCA commit itself to finding ways to allow congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support and hold publicly accountable life-long, monogamous, same-gender relationships." (Adopted 619-402).

Resolution 2: "RESOLVED, that the ELCA commit itself to finding a way for people in such publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders of this church." (Adopted 559-451).

Resolution 4: This resolution called upon members to respect the bound consciences of those with whom they disagree; declared intent to allow structured flexibility in decision-making about candidacy and the call process; eliminated the prohibition of rostered service by members in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous same-gender relationships; recognized and committed to respect the conviction of members who believe that the ELCA should not call or roster people in committed same-gender relationships; called for development of accountability guidelines; directed that amendments to ministry policy documents be drafted and approved; and stated that this church continue to trust congregations, bishops, synods and others responsible for determining who should be called into public ministry. (Adopted 667-307 as amended).

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 is a box in the narthex to collect kits and supplies.

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@twncny.rr.com or 607-592-0848.

NEW HUMANITY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER. The St. Luke New Humanity Newsletter can now be accessed at <http://www.stlukeithaca.org/uploads/StLukeNewsletter.pdf> or you can go to our web-site www.stlukeithaca.org and in the right hand corner click on the New Humanity Newsletter. 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 cost for paper, printing, and postage. Not to mention, helping the environment. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 607-273-6811.

FAITH AND CARE: *USHERS:* Ronald Shewchuk & Earl Ekdahl; *GREETERS:* Emily & Joe Metz; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Joe Marion; *ACOLYTES:* Cassandra Engstrom; *READERS:* Katie Peterson & Joe Metz; *COFFEE SERVERS:* *SET-UP & CLEAN-UP:* Jo Ann Ekdahl; *BAKERS (after church):* Helen Swank & Jo Ann Ekdahl

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 14, Holy Communion Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Isaiah 35: 4-7a; James 2: 1-10, 14-17; Mark 7: 24-37; Sermons: "Favorite" and "If Life Give You Crumbs Make..."; Hymns: 886, 714, 472, 731.

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