

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF GOD. We rejoice that you have chosen to share in the life God gives us as God's people in this place. That life is centered in the Christ and is nudged and nourished by the Spirit. Our life together is not called to be in legalistic slavery to specific forms of worship nor in a uniformity of appearance. Our life-together is focused in the unity we share as a gift from and with God. That is a unity which is enhanced and strengthened by the wonderful variety of gifts God provides us through one another.

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

PREPARATION

Prelude "Andante Pastorale"	Thomas Adams
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*Prayer of The Day	
Pastor: Gracious God,	
ALL: throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.	

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome
First Lesson – Isaiah 35: 4-7a

Psalm 146 (sung responsively)

Hal-¹ lelujah!
Praise the LORD,¹ O my soul!
²I will praise the LORD as long¹ as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I¹ have my being.
³Put not your¹ trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there¹ is no help.
⁴When they breathe their last, they re-¹ turn to earth, and in that day¹ their thoughts perish.
⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob¹ for their help, whose hope is in the¹ LORD their God;
⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that¹ is in them; who keeps promis-¹ es forever;
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to¹ those who hunger. The LORD sets the¹ captive free.
⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who¹ are bowed down; the LORD¹ loves the righteous.
⁹The LORD cares¹ for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way¹ of the wicked.
¹⁰The LORD shall¹ reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.¹ Hallelujah.
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 2: 1-10, 14-17

*Gospel Acclamation	Page 102
*The Holy Gospel – Mark 7: 24-37	
Children's Sermon "Favorite"	Pastor Bair
* Hymn 714 "O God of Mercy, God of Light"	JUST AS I AM
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*The Nicene Creed (note revised translation)	Page 104
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GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

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*The Communion	
Music during communion: Hymn 472 "Eat This Bread"	BERTHIER
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* Hymn 731 "Earth and All Stars!"	EARTH AND ALL STARS
*The Dismissal	Page 115
Postlude "Allegro Marziale"	Frank Bridge
<i>*Please stand for this part of the liturgy or remain seated as you need.</i>	
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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 Elizabeth Housel in memory of Beverly Blischke.

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.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 for the World Communion issue. Please send your articles to Michelle Gray at lluthera@twcny.rr.com.


**ST. LUKE NEWS
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TODAY AFTER WORSHIP - WELCOME BACK STUDENT LUNCHEON – for new and returning students, undergraduates and graduates. Come mingle with friends and welcome new students.


NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - ADULT FORUM AND CHURCH SCHOOL 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.

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.

STUDENT DISCUSSION/STUDY GROUP meets on Tuesday’s, at 6:00 p.m. in the study, with a Lutheran 101 focus.

 **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!

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

 **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 to sign up for September and October volunteer opportunities.

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.

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 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.

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.

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).

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.

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 AND CARE: *USHERS:* Ronald Shewchuk & ; *GREETERS:* Emily & Joe Metz; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Jeff Snedeker; *ACOLYTES:* John Peterson & Katie Peterson; *READERS:* Taylor Engstrom & Joe Metz ; *COMMUNION SET UP: & CLEAN UP:* ; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP ; CLEAN-UP:* ; *BAKERS (after church):* Carl Whittaker & Joan Carlson.

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. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Mehravari at mjudy@twncny.rr.com or 607-592-0848.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 15, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; James 3: 1-12; Mark 8: 27-38; Sermons: "Rudder" and "Resistance to Faith Changes"; Hymns: 660, 798, 774.

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).

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