

WELCOME, IN THE NAME OF GOD. Today's lessons direct us to reflect on the "ministry of the tongue". The first lesson directs us to sustain the weary with a word. We all have known the importance of receiving such a word. How can our tongues become sustainers of the weary? In the Gospel lesson Jesus asks about the flapping or wagging tongues of the popular, then asks for a personal conviction, statement, commitment. Peter's confession is more "his" than he realizes. Jesus' tongues teaches about following him. What are our tongues up to this week?

**The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.**

**PREPARATION**

Prelude "Bassoon Concerto in F, Allegro"  
Carl Maria von Weber  
Daniel Snedeker, bassoon; Jeff Snedeker, organ

Moment of Silence

\*Invocation

\*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

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

\***Hymn 660** "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

\*The Greeting Page 98

\*Kyrie Page 98

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

\*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: O God,

ALL: **through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS**

Word of Welcome Judy Mehravari

First Lesson – Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm 116: 1-9 (sung responsively)

I love the LORD, who has<sup>1</sup> heard my voice,  
and listened to my<sup>1</sup> supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given<sup>1</sup> ear to me  
whenever<sup>1</sup> I called.

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish  
of the grave<sup>1</sup> came upon me; I came to<sup>1</sup> grief  
and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name<sup>1</sup> of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I pray you,<sup>1</sup> save my life."

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the<sup>1</sup> LORD and righteous;  
our God is full<sup>1</sup> of compassion.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD watches o-<sup>1</sup>ver the innocent;  
I was brought low,<sup>1</sup> and God saved me.

<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest,<sup>1</sup> O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt<sup>1</sup> well with you.

<sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my<sup>1</sup> life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my<sup>1</sup> feet from  
stumbling;

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence<sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
in the land<sup>1</sup> of the living.

**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 3: 1-12

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

\*The Holy Gospel – Mark 8: 27-38

Children's Sermon "Rudder" Pastor Bair

Anthem "To Thee We Sing" Sergei Rachmaninoff

Sermon "Resistance to Faith Changes" Pastor Bair

\***Hymn 798** "Will You Come and Follow Me" KELVINGROVE

\*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

**A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES**

Offering

Offertory "Bassoon Concerto in F, Adagio"  
Carl Maria von Weber

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

\*Prayer of Intercession Page 105

\*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

\*The Benediction Page 114

\***Hymn 774** "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"  
SHOWALTER

\*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "March in G" G. F. Handel

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

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**TODAY'S ANTHEM**, from the liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, acknowledges today's commemoration of John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407. John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth").

**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 Andy & Deborah Novakovic in memory of Esther and Mladen Novakovic.

**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@yahoo.com](mailto:stluke-campusministry-subscribe@yahoo.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.

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**ACOLYTES AND READERS** – we need your forms completed for the October – December volunteer list. If you need a form you can pick-one-up in the narthex. Please leave it on Michelle Gray's desk. Thank you!

**TODAY - FAITH AND CARE LUNCH & COFFEE HOUR**, 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!



**CHURCH SCHOOL** kicked off its year this morning. This year's staff includes: Sara Wells, Beth Housel, Sandy Simkin, Simone Paris, & Lauren Mossotti-Kline. Additional teachers and assistance are always needed and welcome. Speak to PB, or a member of the church school staff.

**NEW CHURCH COUNCIL** will be installed **Sunday, September 20**. Council terms are for a school year beginning in September each year. Council Members for 2009-2010 are:

Chair of Council	Thomas McSweeney
Vice Chair	Brad Wendel
Treasurer	Beth Housel
Vice Treasurer	Jim Hedlund
Secretary	Gabe Hohag

At-Large: Judy Jensvold, Nader Mehravari and Luke DeWalt.  
Students-at-Large: Amy Munson and Norah Shipman

**NEXT SUNDAY IS ADVOCACY SUNDAY.** Next Sunday there will be information and letter-writing materials on the current health care debate available at the Social Ministry table in the narthex (right next to CROP Walk sign-up). Stop by and find out what the difference between a co-op and a public option is and what proponents and opponents have to say about them.

**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.

**REMEMBER THE FABLE** in which some mice are being "challenged" by a cat? The cat was gobbling up their children. No next generation. What to do? The mice decide to bell the cat. Yes, a great idea and strategy. Then the smallest mouse asked, "Who is going to bell the cat?" No one volunteered. Church School, Youth Ministry, Choir, Faith and Care, all happen because people volunteer to share their God-given talents, time, and faith. Where is your spot from which to enable this and the next generation to thrive? Speak to PB or any Council member.

**CROP WALK – Sunday, October 4.** Please help Church World Service (CWS) end poverty and hunger, provide aid relief for disaster victims, and bring sustainable development to all corners of the world. While \$2.00 buys a medium cup of coffee in our neighborhood, the same amount of money is what most of the developing world lives on each day. Please consider walking or sponsor a CROP Walker today (see sponsor insert in today's bulletin). Bring your check or cash to the CROP Walk Table in the narthex. (Checks should be made out to "CROP-CWS.") We also have "red cups" for collecting your coins. Pick one up today! Every penny, every dime, and every dollar COUNTS and is appreciated.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DONNA STEWART** (*who sings in the St. Luke Choir*) and **RON ANDRICO** (*whose duo group is called Lutesongs*). They were notified that their 2006 release of *Divine Amarillis: Airs de Court, 1570-1640*, won Best Album in the Classical Voice/Opera Solo category at the annual Just Plain Folks award ceremony in Nashville in late August. JPF is a community of over 50,000 independent musicians and host of the world's largest music awards. Hurray for Donna & Ron!

**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](http://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.

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

**VESPERS AT ST. LUKE BEGINS ITS 2009-10 SERIES** on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:30 p.m. with special guests from the Ithaca College School of Music. Faculty soloists Amanda DeMaris, Jennifer Kay, Carl Johengen, and Randie Blooding will be joined by graduate conductor Jennifer Sengin leading a chorus and orchestra in a setting of vespers psalms and the magnificat by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, in the context of the traditional vespers service.

**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.

**IF YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN JOINING with other area Lutherans** in a possible collaboration of Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, building a home in 2010, please attend this informational brunch on September 20, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, 2310 North Triphammer Rd., Ithaca. You must RSVP by September 13, to David Jung, [jung\\_david\\_r@yahoo.com](mailto:jung_david_r@yahoo.com), as attendance will be limited to the first 20 registrants.

**ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM** - Applications will be put out for St. Luke's Adopt a Student program soon, 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](mailto: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 October and November volunteer opportunities.

**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 a.m. 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 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.

**MONDAY MIDDAY BIBLE BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY** will start-up this **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](mailto:sbh1@cornell.edu)) or Diane Conneman ([dyk2@cornell.edu](mailto:dyk2@cornell.edu)).

**FAITH AND CARE:** *USHERS:* Ronald Shewchuk & Meeri Kaaret; *GREETERS:* Judy Mehravari; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Michael Clarkson; *ACOLYTES:* Dan Snedeker & Leelia Quigee; *READERS:* Ruth Grigorov & Helen Shewchuk; *BAKERS (after church):* Heather Simkin & Lu Poley.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 16, The Service of Holy Communion**, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Jeremiah 11: 18-20; James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8a; Mark 9: 30-37; Sermons: “Yield” and “Kidnapped by Greatness”; Hymns: 358, 712, 471, 843.

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**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 FOUR).**

**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@twcny.rr.com](mailto:mjudy@twcny.rr.com) or 607-592-0848.