

WELCOME, IN THE NAME OF GOD. Today's lessons share a struggle familiar to all of us: the wrestling in us between good and evil, right and wrong, my way or.... The insidious aspect of religion can be subtle and seductive as we use God to accomplish our agenda. Instead, Faith would lead us to recognize the "my" and to pray and to live "Thy will be done". Do we hear God's call to servanthood?

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

PREPARATION

Prelude "Voluntary in e minor"	John Stanley
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*Prayer of The Day	
Pastor: O God,	
ALL: our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.	

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome	Pete Eliason
First Lesson – Jeremiah 11: 18-20	

Psalm 54: 1-4, 6-7a (sung responsively)

Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

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 forever. Amen.

Second Lesson – James 3: 13-4, 3, 7-8a

*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

*The Holy Gospel – Mark 9: 30-37

Children's Sermon "Yield" Pastor Bair

Anthem "The Lamb" John Tavener

*Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead;
gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, wooly bright; gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice? Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?*

Little lamb, I'll tell thee, he is called by thy name, for he calls himself a lamb. He is meek, and he is mild, He became a little child. I, a child and thou a lamb, we are called by his name. Little lamb, God bless thee! [William Blake]

Sermon "Kidnapped by Greatness" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 712** "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"
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GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

Offering

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LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER	
*Prayer	Page 114
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* Hymn 843 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"	NETTLETON
*The Dismissal	Page 115
Postlude "Fugue in d minor"	Vincent Lübeck

**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 Emily and Joe Metz in memory of Christine Metz Monte.

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.

ST. LUKE NEWS
20 SEPTEMBER
PENTECOST 16

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS (2nd Graders) & CATECHUMEN (8th & 9th Graders) MEETING, Monday, September 28. First Communion class will meet with PB, parents/guardians and kids at **6:30 p.m.** **CATECHETICAL STUDENTS** will gather with their parents and PB at **7:30 p.m.** At this meeting they will receive their study materials and assignments (syllabus) for the coming year. This year's study will focus on the Luther's Small Catechism. If you have a child that would like to attend either class, please contact PB.

MICHAEL CLARKSON, TENOR, AND GRAEME BAILEY, PIANO, present a recital titled "Songs of the Road" on **Tuesday, September 29, 8:00 p.m.,** in the Barnes Hall Auditorium, Cornell University. The recital features selections from three song cycles: Vaughan Williams's *Songs of Travel*, Schubert's *Winterreise*, and Donald Swann's *The Road Goes Ever On* (words from *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien).

NEW MEMBERS - A group of people will be received into the membership of this congregation on **Sunday, October 4.** Would you like to share in this group? Who can (should?) you invite to consider the invitation? The group will meet on **Saturday, October 3, at 9:00 a.m.** for an orientation session. Students are invited to consider full membership (if that is appropriate as you transition from place to place), or associate membership (your membership stays at your home congregation but you declare this to be your home away from home). Speak with PB about being in this class of new members.

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.

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.



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.

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 and in the right hand corner click on the New Humanity Newsletter. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 607-273-6811.

ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM - Applications can be picked up in the narthex for the St. Luke's Adopt a Student program. 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

VESPERS AT ST. LUKE will start its series this **Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m.** with over 40 musicians participating in Mozart's setting of psalms and the gospel canticle for the vespers service. Soloists will be members of the voice faculty at the Ithaca College School of Music, along with a student chorus and orchestra, led by Jennifer Sengin. All are invited to participate in a service with music composed for the church placed into the context for which it was written.

TODAY – THE NEW CHURCH COUNCIL is installed during worship. 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: Luke Dewalt, Judy Jensvold and Nader Mehravari.
 Students-at-Large: Amy Munson and Norah Shipman.

TODAY IS ADVOCACY 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) today. 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.

THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE will be meeting next Sunday after the service (12:30) in the fellowship hall. The committee is currently working on CROP walk, health kits, the adopt-a-student program, fair trade coffee, and health care advocacy, among other things. All are welcome. Come and share your ideas and talents!

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

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.

MONDAY MIDDAY BIBLE BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY meets on Mondays 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 includes photos, a calendar of events, documents (from weekly bulletins to the Constitution and By-laws), and improved audio of our morning worship services.

FAITH AND CARE: *USHERS:* Ronald Shewchuk & Meeri Kaaret; *GREETERS:* & ; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Joe Marion; *ACOLYTES:* John Peterson & Brittany Clark; *READERS:* Dan Snedeker & Mary Margaret Carmichael ; *COMMUNION SET UP:* & *CLEAN UP:* ; *COFFEE SERVERS:* *SET-UP* ; *CLEAN-UP:* ; *BAKERS (after church):* Marlys Wilhelm & Lu Poley.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 17, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29; James 5: 13-20; Mark 9: 38-50; Sermons: "Salt" and "A Caution Regarding Spiritual Gate Keeping"; Hymns: 853, 580, 867.

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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 or 607-592-0848.