

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME to the worship and life of this community of faith. A community of God's people involves many parts. To be a healthy community, all are needed. Many people work very hard to make any community vital and lively, not to mention lovely and faithful. Some of those people are more visible, some are much less so. We give thanks for all who enable this community to gather this day: those who prepare the bulletin, who open the doors and make certain the heat is up, those who rehearse the music, those who welcome and greet, read and bake, care for and serve. Thanks be to God for your witness and ministry, as salt for the stew.

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "In dir ist Freude" Michael Bedford  
Sarah Rae Robinson, oboe

Moment of Silence

\*Invocation

\*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

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

\*Hymn 853 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI

\*The Greeting Page 98

\*Kyrie Page 98

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

\*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Generous God,  
ALL: **your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome Debbie Antal

First Lesson – Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 19: 7-14 (sung responsively)

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>1</sup>vives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom<sup>1</sup> to the simple.

**<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>1</sup>joice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is<sup>1</sup> lear and gives light<sup>1</sup> to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous<sup>1</sup> altogether.

**<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than<sup>1</sup> much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey<sup>1</sup> in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser-<sup>1</sup>vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is<sup>1</sup> great reward.

**<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's<sup>1</sup> own offenses? Cleanse me from my<sup>1</sup> secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion<sup>1</sup> over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>1</sup> great offense.

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable<sup>1</sup> in your sight, O LORD, my strength and<sup>1</sup> my redeemer.**

**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 5: 13-20

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

\*The Holy Gospel – Mark 9: 38-50

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Emily Ann Winans  
*See the order inside the back cover of the hymnal*

Children's Sermon "Salt" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Cantate Domino canticum novum" Hans Leo Hassler

*Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord and bless his name.  
Announce from day to day his salvation.  
Announce among the nations his glory,  
among all peoples his wonders.*

Sermon "A Caution Regarding Spiritual Gate Keeping" Pastor Bair

\*Hymn 580 "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" REPTON

\*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Larghetto" Giuseppe Giordano

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

\*Prayer of Intercession Page 105

\*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

\*The Benediction Page 114

\*Hymn 867 "In Thee Is Gladness" IN DIR IST FREUDE

\*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Diferencias sobre la Gallarda Milanesa" Antonio de Cabezon

*\*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.

**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.

**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 17**  
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**SCHOOL KITS** - We sent 21 school kits to Lutheran World relief. Thanks to all for their generosity! We're planning to do this again next September.

**VOICES OF HOPE** - Catholic Charities of Tompkins Tioga will present its annual public program Voices of Hope on Monday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m., Unitarian Church, 306 North Aurora, featuring "Oasis of Peace: A vision of Jewish Palestinian Coexistence." The program will discuss Neve Shalom - Wahat Al-Salam, a village in Israel established jointly by Jews and Palestinian Arabs of Israeli citizenship. Situated equidistant from Jerusalem Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam is dedicated to dialogue, cooperation, and a genuine and durable peace between Arabs and Jews.

**MEMBERS OF ST. LUKE** has been invited to a fellowship activity with Trinity Lutheran on Honness Lane on Saturday, October 3, at 4:00 p.m. A program will be presented by Fred and Sharon Moore, of music and history of the Appalachians. The program will be followed by a German dinner. Please call Dick Burlew with question, 387-5246.

**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.

**FAITH AND CARE COORDINATORS** provide an opportunity for us all to serve. The Faith and Care Coordinators sign up sheets are on the table in the narthex for October and November volunteer opportunities.



**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!

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

**FAITH AND CARE LUNCH & COFFEE HOUR, October 11,** after the Worship Service. The lunch will be hosted by the October Faith and Care Team for the November volunteers. Everyone is invited to come and share!

**WORLD COMMUNION NEW HUMANITY ELECTRONIC 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. You can also pick-up a copy in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 607-273-6811.

**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](mailto:sbh1@cornell.edu)) or Diane Conneman ([dyk2@cornell.edu](mailto:dyk2@cornell.edu)).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**TODAY - THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE** will be meeting 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!

**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).

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS & CATECHUMEN MEETING, Monday, September 28.** First Communion class will meet with PB, parents/guardians and kids at 6:30 p.m. **CATECHUMEN 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.

**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.

**DEHUMIDIFIER NEEDED.** The dehumidifier in the fellowship hall is no longer working. If you have one at home that you know longer use please contact PB.

**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](mailto:mjudy@twcny.rr.com)

**FAITH AND CARE:** *USHERS:* Ronald Shewchuk; *GREETERS:* Diane & George Conneman; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Lauren Mossotti-Kline; *ACOLYTES:* Jaana & Ruth Grigorov; *READERS:* Ruth Grigorov & Jeff Snedeker; *COFFEE SERVERS:* *SET-UP & CLEAN-UP:* Mary Margaret & Skip Carmichael; *BAKERS (after church):*

**NEXT SUNDAY: World Communion,** 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Genesis 2: 18-24; Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12; Mark 10: 2-16; Sermons: "Reflection" and "What In the Name of..."; Hymns: 837, 527 (LBW), 474, 841 .

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