

*IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME to worship on the first of two consecutive special 'red days' in our calendar. Today we remember – and thank God for – St. Luke, the author of not only the third Gospel but also of the Book of Acts. Together these two books make up about one-fourth of the New Testament. We know very little of Luke's life. He was a Gentile, an educated man, a physician, a follower of Jesus, and a companion of Paul. Tradition holds that he was one of the 70 commissioned by Jesus, that he was perhaps the other disciple with Cleopas on the road to Emmaus, that he was a painter, and that he died at the advanced age of 84. He 'paints' very vivid pictures through the words of his writing. Only Luke tells us: the extended story of Jesus' birth in a stable in Bethlehem; the parables of the Good Samaritan, The Prodigal, and the Rich Man and Lazarus; and the aforementioned Road to Emmaus encounter with a stranger. Luke's writing reveals a high appreciation for the role of the Holy Spirit, gives great value to the poor and powerless, emphasizes the healing power of God, and affirms not only the position of women in church and society but advocates for their leadership. Thanks be to God for his servant Luke!*

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

PREPARATION

Prelude "Voluntary" "Atkinson"	Benjamin Cosyn H. B. Cabena
Moment of Silence	
*Invocation	
*Order for Confession and Forgiveness	Page 94
*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace	Page 106
* <u>Hymn 421</u> "By All Your Saints" <i>vss 1, 21, last</i>	KUORTANE
*The Greeting	Page 98
*Kyrie	Page 98
*Hymn of Praise "Glory to God..."	Page 99
*Prayer of The Day	

Pastor: Almighty God,  
ALL: **you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome Angus Godwin

First Lesson – Isaiah 35: 5-8

Psalm 124 (*sung responsively*)

If the LORD had not been <sup>1</sup> on our side,  
let Isra- <sup>1</sup> el now say;  
**<sup>2</sup>if the LORD had not been <sup>1</sup> on our side,  
when enemies rose <sup>1</sup> up against us,**  
<sup>3</sup>then would they have swallowed us <sup>1</sup> up alive  
in their fierce <sup>1</sup> anger toward us;  
**<sup>4</sup>then would the waters have <sup>1</sup> overwhelmed  
us and the torrent gone <sup>1</sup> over us;**  
<sup>5</sup>then would the <sup>1</sup> raging waters  
have gone right <sup>1</sup> over us.  
**<sup>6</sup>Blessed <sup>1</sup> be the LORD  
who has not given us over to be a prey <sup>1</sup> for  
their teeth.**

<sup>7</sup>We have escaped like a bird from the snare <sup>1</sup> of  
the fowler; the snare is broken, and  
we <sup>1</sup> have escaped.

**<sup>8</sup>Our help is in the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
the maker of heav- <sup>1</sup> en and earth.**

**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 – 2 Timothy 4: 5-11

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

\*The Holy Gospel – Luke 1: 1-4, 24: 44-53

Children's Sermon "Race" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Locus Iste" Anton Bruckner

*This place was made by God,  
a priceless mystery;  
it is without reproof.  
(the gradual for the dedication of a church)*

Sermon "The Companion Guide to the Work  
of an Evangelist" Pastor Bair  
\*Hymn 611 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" KINGSFOLD  
\*The Nicene Creed (*note revised translation*) Page 104  
\*Prayers of Intercession Page 105

GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

Offering  
Offertory "Andantino" W. T. Best  
\*Prayer Page 107  
\*The Great Thanksgiving Page 107  
\*Holy, Holy, Holy Page 108  
\*Eucharistic Prayer – "In the night..."  
\*The Lord's Prayer Page 112  
\*"Lamb of God" Page 112  
\*The Communion  
Music during communion: Hymn 485  
"I Am the Bread of Life" I AM THE BREAD  
\*Prayer Page 114  
\*The Blessing Page 114  
\*Hymn 507 "O God of Light" ATKINSON  
\*The Dismissal Page 115  
Postlude "Allein Gott in der Höh" A. N. Vetter  
*\*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  
Judy and Nader Mehravari in celebration of Peter's birthday.

# ST. LUKE NEWS

## Pentecost 20

### 18 October 09

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held at St. Luke at 3:00 p.m. today for Richard Hahn, brother of Joan Hahn Carlson. He died on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the VA Center in Canandaigua NY after a long illness.

**FOUNDATIONS FOR STEWARDSHIP** - *An Awareness of God.* Christian stewardship begins with the awareness of God. It is that simple. If we are aware of God, we realize that there is a higher priority in life than even life itself, let alone ourselves. We also, then, know that finally everything belongs to God. It is interesting that an increasingly materialistic society is also a society with an increasingly distant awareness of God and God's ownership of all life. As we push God to the fringes of life we become more possessive about money and things. Humans take the center stage, acting as though we own the world and that the creation is here to serve our ends and selves. When God is a present reality in our lives, we are humbled by the awareness of that which is truly higher and holier than we and me. We seek to worship and glorify this God. We become aware of life as a gift and ourselves as stewards or managers of the gifts of life. Stewardship is at the very heart of faith, and faith is at the very heart of stewardship. Stewardship is far more than giving to the church, although it includes that giving. It all begins with an awareness of God at the center of life.

-Gary Anderson, retired ELCA pastor

**TODAY - DIAPER BAGS TO SUPPORT THE ITHACA KITCHEN CUPBOARD.** Volunteers are needed today to assemble diaper bags that will be distributed by the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard to needy families in the Ithaca community. Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans has provided over \$500 to purchase the diapers and wipes. Please bring your coffee and cake and join us downstairs after the Worship Service in the Forum Class Room.



**BACH VESPERS ON OCTOBER 20**, with J. S. Bach's motet based on the hymn "Jesus, Priceless Treasure." Includes plenty of hymnody from the era of the Reformation. September's Vespers featured a large group singing effusive music, this month will be a bit more thoughtful.

**WHAT'S BLUE AND A GIFT TO YOU?** Stay tuned, Answer coming soon. Save the date, November 8.

**ST. LUKE'S ADOPT A STUDENT DINNER**, dish to pass, will be held Sunday, November 1, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Instruction letters have been sent out to families and students already signed up for the program. If you are still interested in signing up, or if you have any questions, please contact Judy Mehravari at 257-8653 or [mjudy@twcny.rr.com](mailto:mjudy@twcny.rr.com)

**A COMMUNICATIONS TEAM** is going to talk about redesigning the St. Luke website, including the presentation of the newsletter. Got some ideas? Want to sit with others and talk design and purpose? Speak with PB or a council member.

**SEXUALITY DISCUSSION NEXT SUNDAY.** There will be a meeting on Reformation Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, to discuss the votes taken at the churchwide assembly this summer. We will also discuss the possibility of placing St. Luke on the Reconciling in Christ list, a list of congregations and synods that welcome lesbian, gay, transgendered, and bisexual people. Our synod is already on the list and, since we adopted a new mission statement affirming that all people are part of God's kingdom this past May, council has begun to discuss placing St. Luke on the list as a possible next step. Please come and share in the conversation.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING NEXT SUNDAY.** The Social Ministry Committee will meet next Sunday at 12:30 in the adult education room. All are welcome. If you have an idea for a social ministry project or would like to help out with the congregation's current projects, come and share your gifts

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. in our Adult Ed room.

**COUNTDOWN TO COPENHAGEN** - Climate change goes to the very heart of how people live in this world God created and, that we all share. It is time to ensure enough resources for all! December '09 in Copenhagen will bring our biggest opportunity to curb climate change, when government representatives meet in Copenhagen, Denmark to finalize a new global agreement to: #1 reduce carbon dioxide emissions, the greatest cause of pollution and climate change. The ELCA has a fact sheet on this issue. PLEASE pick one up at the Social Ministry table in the narthex and take a postcard (& stamp) to send to President Obama. Let him know that we care.

**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR UPSTATE NY SYNOD?** Pick up a synod brochure in the narthex. The new brochure highlights the ways our church is active synod-wide: "God's work. Our hands." The Upstate NY Synod also has a web page that can be accessed at: <http://www.upstatenysynod.org/> The brochure and web page are ways to see what our church is doing in our region and state.

**TIME TO UPDATE THE CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY – CHECK YOUR INFORMATION.** Until the end of October there is a notebook that contains a copy of the congregational directory in the narthex. Please review your information, make any corrections, or if you're new make sure you add your name. It's important to us that we have our records accurate for mailings, and the electronic newsletters/information.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

### MONDAY MIDDAY BIBLE BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

will continue to study The Lord's Prayer on Mondays at 12:15 p.m. at St. Luke, in the Adult Education Room. Join us 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 COORDINATORS** sign up sheets are on the table in the narthex for the November volunteer opportunities. How can you help? Contact a Faith & Care coordinator with questions.

### ARE YOU ACCESSING THE ST. LUKE WEBSITE?

[<http://www.stlukeithaca.org>] It includes the New Humanity newsletter, 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 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.

**FAITH AND CARE:** *USHERS:* Ronald Shewchuk; *GREETERS:* Ev Markwardt; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Jeff Snedeker; *ACOLYTES:* Peter Hoskins & John Peterson; *READERS:* Dan Snedeker; *COMMUNION SET UP: & CLEAN UP:* Andy Novakovic; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP: ; CLEAN-UP:* Susan Wohlhueter; *BAKERS (after church):* Carl Whittaker.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Reformation,** 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Romans 3: 19-28; John 8: 31-36; Sermons: "Account" and "Updating the Disk Operating System"; Hymns: 503, 504, 410, 411, 840, 517.

**ST. LUKE MINISTERS:** The People of this Community

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