

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME to this Reformation Sunday. On October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg (Germany), he affirmed the center of God's Word to be in the gospel of God's grace in and through Jesus Christ. He called the church to study, scripture (as it's foundational text) to pray, to converse, and to act. Through the Spirit, God calls people to a living and dynamic faith which can (should?) be expressed in lively dialogue with the living God, as well as with one another. God's Spirit invites us to hear and respond to that same call today. God calls us to live lives re-formed by and around God's grace, as we are freed to serve both God and our neighbor in love. Enjoy your "free" copy of the 95 These, and of an indulgence from 1482, the year before Luther was born (copies in the narthex).

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Wir glauben all"
"Allein Gott in der Höh"

Moment of Silence

***Hymn 503** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *verses 1 & 2*
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*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

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***Hymn 504** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *verses 3 & 4*
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*Hymn of Praise: **Hymn 410** "All Glory Be to God on High"
ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Almighty God, gracious Lord,

ALL: **we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome

Rebecca Ruckdashel

First Lesson – Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 46 (*sung responsively*)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth
be moved, and though the mountains shake in
the depths of the sea;**

**though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

**There is a river whose streams make glad
the city of God, the holy habitation of the
Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up-
on the earth;**

Behold the one who makes war to cease in all the
world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

**Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be
exalted in the earth."**

The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**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 – Romans 3: 19-28

*Gospel Acclamation

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*The Holy Gospel – John 8: 31-36

Children's Sermon "Account"

Pastor Bair

Anthem "Ein Feste Burg" (*text: stanza 1 of hymn 504*)

J. S. Bach

Sermon "Updating the Disk Operating System"

Pastor Bair

***Hymn 411** "We All Believe in One True God"

WIR GLAUBEN ALL

*The Apostle's Creed

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A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory: "Nun Danket Alle Gott"

G. F. Kauffmann

*Congregational Offertory: **Hymn 840** (*vs 1*)

*Prayer of Intercession

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*The Lord's Prayer

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*The Benediction

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***Hymn 517** "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

ERHALT UNS, HERR

*The Dismissal

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Postlude "Nun Danket Alle Gott"

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

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THANKS TO Cyril Bodnar and Ethan Urtz, trumpets; Alex Knutrud and Michael Nave, trombones; Steve Magacs, timpani; Matteo Longhi and Maeve O'Hara, violins; Aara Edwards, viola; Ruth Grigorov, cello; and Daniel Snedeker, bassoon; for their contribution to worship today.

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.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Ruth Sherbon in celebration of John's birthday.

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.

CAMPUS MINISTRY LIST SERVE. To join, send an e-mail: stluke-campusministry-subscribe@yahoo.com.

ST. LUKE NEWS

Reformation Sunday

25 October 09

FOUNDATIONS FOR STEWARDSHIP - *God Is Gracious.* At the heart of being a Christian steward we are brought to the realization not only that God is Lord of all things and we are God's managers but also that God is extremely good and gracious. Stewards are those who know God has blessed them in many ways. The blessings of God include the gift of life itself. While life has its ups and downs, most of the time we are immensely grateful for the opportunity to be alive. There is so much in life to enjoy -- beautiful sunrises, good food, friendships and the joy of human love. God gives us everything in life. Best of all, God gives us the promise of love, God's presence and the gift of forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. We are truly blessed. As an old song says, "count your blessings before you sleep. ... "Stewards do count their blessings. Stewards, as a result, want to give thanks to God in how they use life and by the gifts they share. That offering envelope in the plate is one way of saying, "Thanks God."
-Gary Anderson, retired ELCA pastor



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, TIME CHANGE. Next week turn your clocks **back** one hour, Saturday night before going to sleep.

FAITH AND CARE COORDINATORS NEED YOUR HELP and provide an opportunity for us all to serve. The Faith and Care Coordinators will be at their table in the narthex November 1, and November 15, to sign up for December and January volunteer opportunities.

WHAT'S BLUE AND A GIFT TO YOU? It's not a blue balloon.... the answer November 8.

SOCIAL MINISTRY MEETING. The Social Ministry Committee will meet Sunday, November 1 at 12:15 p.m. 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.

SEXUALITY DISCUSSION - TODAY. There will be a meeting today, 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.

ST. LUKE'S ADOPT-A-STUDENT DINNER, dish to pass, will be held next 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

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.



ST. LUKE QUILTERS WANT TO THANK EVERYONE for your generous donations of fabric and coffee cans. We now have extra coffee cans, so if you could use a few talk to Diane Conneman or Betta Hedlund. The quilters presently have a need for thread. If you have partial or full spools, they can be put to good use. As always we welcome new helpers. The usual meeting time is 9:00 a.m. the first and third Thursdays of the month. An extra session has been scheduled for October 29. Come if that fits your schedule.

FAITH AND CARE LUNCH & COFFEE HOUR, will be Sunday, November 8, after the Worship Service. The lunch will be hosted by the November Faith and Care Team for the December volunteers. Everyone is invited to come and share!

STUDENT DISCUSSION/STUDY GROUP meet Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the study, with a Lutheran 101 focus.

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 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).

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.

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.

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.

REFORMATION NEW HUMANITY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER – can be accessed at http://www.stlukeithaca.org/Attachments/20091018REFORMATION_NEWS.pdf or you can go to our web-site 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.

ARE YOU ACCESSING THE ST. LUKE WEBSITE? [<http://www.stlukeithaca.org>] It includes the New Humanity Newsletter, photos, 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 & Bill Brown; *GREETERS:* Ev Markwardt & John Wells; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Lauren Mossotti-Kline; *ACOLYTES:* Jewell Payne; *READERS:* & Katie Peterson & Andrew Novakovic; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP:* Bill & Grais Brown; *CLEAN-UP:* Mary Margaret Carmichael; *BAKERS (after church):* Andrew Novakovic & Velma Markwardt.

NEXT SUNDAY: TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR. All Saints, Holy Communion Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Isaiah 25: 6-9; Revelation 21: 1-6a; John 11: 32-44; Children's Sermon: "A to Z" and The Difference Between Disgrace and True Grace"; Hymns: 422, 423, 470, 418. God welcomes to the Table for the first time: Kayla Markwardt and Jo-Ann Quigee. We remember Audrey Ahlness, Robert Traill Horn, Sr., Billie Johnson, Richard Hahn.

ST. LUKE MINISTERS: The People of this Community

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