

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME. As we move more deeply into fall, the church year moves us toward its completion in just two weeks. Today we hear God moves with and through two widows who are stewards of wood, meal, oil, and coins. Through their actions they proclaim their servant stewardship. Today is Pledge Sunday #1, and God invites us to consider our stewardship. Everyone is invited to consider making a pledge. What will we return to God for all God has shared with us?

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Sonata in E major – Adagio ma non tanto"  
Liisa Ambegakar Grigorov, flute J. S. Bach

Moment of Silence

\*Invocation

\*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

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

\*Hymn 707 " Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us" HYFRYDOL

\*The Greeting Page 98

\*Kyrie Page 98

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

\*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: O God,  
ALL: **you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome Joe Metz

First Lesson – 1 Kings 17: 8-16

Psalm 146 (sung responsively)

Hal-<sup>1</sup> lelujah!

Praise the LORD,<sup>1</sup> O my soul!

**<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long<sup>1</sup> as I live;  
<sup>1</sup>I will sing praises to my God while I<sup>1</sup> have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your<sup>1</sup> trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there<sup>1</sup> is no help.

**<sup>4</sup>When they breathe their last, they re-<sup>1</sup> turn to earth, and in that day<sup>1</sup> their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob<sup>1</sup> for their help, whose hope is in the<sup>1</sup> LORD their God;

**<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that<sup>1</sup> is in them; who keeps promis-<sup>1</sup> es forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to<sup>1</sup> those who hunger. The LORD sets the<sup>1</sup> captive free.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those who<sup>1</sup> are bowed down;  
the LORD<sup>1</sup> loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares<sup>1</sup> for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way<sup>1</sup> of the wicked.

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD shall<sup>1</sup> reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!**

**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 – Hebrews 9: 24-28

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

\*The Holy Gospel – Mark 12: 38-44

Children's Sermon "First" Pastor Bair

Solo "Prelude from cello suite #1 in G"  
Beth Faulstick, marimba J. S. Bach

Sermon "Affirmation and/or Condemnation" Pastor Bair

\*Hymn 695 "As Saints of Old" FOREST GREEN

\*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Forest Green" Richard Purvis

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

\*Prayer of Intercession Page 105

\*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

\*The Benediction Page 114

\*Hymn 880 "O God beyond All Praising" THAXTED

\*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Celebration" Charles Callahan

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

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THANK YOU to the St. Luke Sinfonia for leading 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.

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 Howard M. Fairchild, Jr. in memory of Prof. Howard M. Fairchild, Sr.

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@yahogroups.com](mailto:stluke-campusministry-subscribe@yahogroups.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.

**ST. LUKE NEWS  
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**FOUNDATIONS FOR STEWARDSHIP** - *God's Love in Christ.* Christian stewards are people who realize that God blesses them in many ways. In the First Letter of John, we read, "We love because God first loved us." Hardly a truer word was ever written. Our love and our sharing are motivated by the awareness that others have loved us. This says something about the importance of being loved and of love in our human families. It also says something about the importance of realizing how much God loved us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son to die for it." That's how much God loves you. Jesus Christ died for you. There is no greater love. As stewards we know that love, and, as a result, we want to love others in word and deed. Sharing of our time, our talent and our treasure are all ways of expressing that love. That little envelope we put in the plate, in many ways, says, "God loves me, and I love you."

*Gary Anderson, retired ELCA pastor*

**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. This issue is coming closer to a vote in the senate, so stop by to write a letter to your senators.

**FAITH AND CARE LUNCHEON** has been canceled for today, due to the wonderful Stewardship Breakfast that we were able to share in this morning.

**LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER FOR A YOUTH READER** for the November 29 service. Please contact Michelle at the church office 273-6811. Thank you.


**FAITH AND CARE COORDINATORS** provide an opportunity for us all to serve. The sign up sheet for December volunteer opportunities are in the narthex.



**NEW HUMANITY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** will be due **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**, for the Advent/Christmas issue. Please submit your articles to Michelle Gray at [lluthera@twcny.rr.com](mailto:lluthera@twcny.rr.com).

**A COMMUNICATIONS TEAM** is going to meet Thursday, November 12, at 4:00 p.m. 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? Come and share.

**NERF GUN PLAY DATE**, second Saturday of November (11/14) 10:00 a.m. to noon in Fellowship Hall. Enter by side door. Bring safety glasses. For late elementary school and middle-school kids. For more info contact Dave Jung at [jung\\_david\\_r@yahoo.com](mailto:jung_david_r@yahoo.com)

 **VESPERS WITH FRENCH** baroque flavor: Tuesday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m. Psalms and a magnificat by Charpentier, and an organ meditation by de Grigny with guest organist Jean Radice.

**THE INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT** will be held on Sunday, November 22. We are looking for volunteers to do a craft or monitor a table. Please contact Debbie Antal (277-0443) or Kristina Wight (273-5034).

**MORE DIAPERS FOR THE ITHACA KITCHEN CUPBOARD.** Thanks to Thrivent Financial Services for Lutherans we have another \$650 of diapers and wipes to package into diaper bags. Please join us in the Forum Classroom after the service on November 22, as we help the needy in Ithaca.



**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.



**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)).

**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:* Marnie Johnson; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Everett Nelson; *ACOLYTES:* Kyle & Jakob Markwardt; *READERS:* Michael Clarkson & Marnie Johnson; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP:* Lara Stanton; *CLEAN-UP:* Louise McGee; *BAKERS (after church):* Louise McGee & Marlys Wilhelm.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 24, Holy Communion Service,** 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Daniel 12: 1-3; Hebrew 10: 11-14, 19-25; Mark 13: 1-8; Sermons: "Provoke" and "Pangs not Panics"; Hymns: 553, 723, 327.

**ST. LUKE MINISTERS:** The People of this Community  
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ST. LUKE WORSHIP AND MINISTRIES  
LOOKING AHEAD

Month of November - Stewardship emphasis, including Pledge/Commitment Sunday.

Sunday, November 8

- Stewardship Sunday
- Stewardship Breakfast at 9:15 a.m.
- No Faith & Care Luncheon

Wednesday, November 11

- New Humanity Newsletter articles due for the Advent issue.

Thursday, November 12

- Communications Team, 4:00 p.m. Study
- Church Council at 7:00 p.m., Study.

Saturday, November 14

- Nerf Gun Play Date at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 15

- Stewardship Sunday, Pledge Sunday #1

Tuesday, November 17

- Every Tuesday, Student Study Group at 6:00 p.m.
- Vespers Service at 7:30 p.m. featuring Psalms and the Magnificat of French baroque composer Marc-Antonie Charpentier.

Saturday, November 21

- Navigators Thanksgiving Dinner (Fellowship Room)

Sunday, November 22

- Christ The King, last Sunday after Pentecost & of the Church year.
- Pledge Sunday #2
- The Intergenerational Event
- Diaper Bags for Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard

Sunday, November 29

- Advent 1

Saturday, December 5

- Hanging the Greens at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 6

- Advent 2. Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m. Spoken Order of Communion at 5:00 p.m.
- Annual Congregation Meeting (noon)

Sunday, December 13

- Advent 3. Service of Lessons and Carols at 10:45 a.m.
- Faith and Care Luncheon
- Spoken Order of Communion at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 19

- "Amahl and the Night Visitors", 4:00 p.m. at St. Luke.

Sunday, December 20

- Advent 4. Church School Proclamation at 10:45. No 5:00 p.m. Service.

Thursday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Services at 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 27

- St. John Evangelist – Service of Holy Communion at 10:45 a.m. No 5:00 p.m. Service.

**Don't Forget** – Monday's Mid-Day Brown Bag Bible Study at 12:15-1:00; Tuesday's Student Discussion Group at 6:00 p.m; and Quilting for the World – First and Third Thursday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. Everyone welcome!