

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME. We stand within one week of the final Sunday of the church year. We also observe Commitment Sunday #1 today. How do we respond to deadlines? Do they create anxiety, frustration, stress? Do they draw us to lean into that which otherwise might not be accomplished? As the lessons remind us, that "approaching day" may not be just a deadline, but a lifeline, a day of birthing to new life.

The WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Canticle of the Turning"

Moment of Silence

\*Invocation

\*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

\*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 152

\***Hymn 553** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" RATISBON

\*The Greeting Page 98

\*Kyrie Page 98

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

\*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Almighty God,

ALL: **your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome

Deborah Novakovic

First Lesson – Daniel 12: 1-3

Psalm 16 (*sung responsively*)

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD,  
"You are my LORD, my good above all other."

**<sup>2</sup>All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**<sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who hold me up.

**<sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

**<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD al- ways before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

**<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**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 10: 11-14, 19-25

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

\*The Holy Gospel – Mark 13: 1-8

Children's Sermon "Provoke" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Thou Shalt Know Him" Mark Sirett

*Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums, nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by anything he wears, not by his crown or by his gown, but his coming known shall be, by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.*

Sermon "Pangs Not Panics" Pastor Bair

\***Hymn 723** "Canticle of the Turning" STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

\*The Apostle's Creed Page 104

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE, AND LIVES

Offering – *People are invited to come forward to present their 2009 offering and commitments for 2010.*

Offertory "Offertorie" Leon Boëllmann

\*Prayers of Intercession Page 105

\*The Lord's Prayer Page 112

\*Farewell and Godspeed

\*The Benediction Page 114

\***Hymn 327** "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" EBENEZER


\*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude "Grand Choeur Triomphale" Alexandre Guilmant

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

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**A GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE** from beyond the St.

 Luke Community are sharing in the Vespers services; all are welcome. This Tuesday, the music is from the French baroque and guest organist Jean Radice will play the reflection music during the 7:30 p.m. service.

**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 Linda Hemmerich in honor of Joe and Emily Metz.

**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.

**ST. LUKE NEWS**  
**PENTECOST 24**  
**15 NOVEMBER 09**

**FOUNDATIONS FOR STEWARDSHIP** - *Giving Is Essential to Living.* There are many things that motivate us to be generous givers as people of God. One of the most important is our own need to give. This need is not driven by guilt or by the expectation of God or anyone else. It is a need that originates deep in our own spirit. Stewards are people who have discovered that we are made in such a way that we need to give, just like we need to eat and breathe. When we don't give, we dry up inside. When we do give, our lives are enlarged and enriched in ways we could never dream of. Giving helps make us not only better people but more whole and full. Long ago, people realized that the Dead Sea is one of the few bodies of water in the world without an outlet. The water flows from the Sea of Galilee in the north down the Jordan River and into the Dead Sea. It just stops there. There is no animal life in the Dead Sea because of its high salt content. The Dead Sea is a good illustration of life without any outlet, of a life that only takes and doesn't give. Giving is essential to living. Stewards are people who have discovered that truth, and it becomes one of the foundations of life and actions for them.

*-Gary Anderson, retired ELCA pastor*

**DIAPER BAGS TO SUPPORT THE ITHACA KITCHEN CUPBOARD.** Volunteers are needed for Sunday, November 22, 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 \$650 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.

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

**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).



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ITHACA-** Will host the annual Area Congregations Together Multi-Faith Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 p.m. It has been an Ithaca tradition for over 40 years. This year's service centers on the theme of religious liberty, and will include readings, reflections, prayer and meditation from diverse faith traditions. A time of light refreshment and conversation will follow the service. Join ACT and area religious congregations for this moment of gratitude and reflection in a busy season! Questions? Contact Lu Poley, ACT liaison.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE** will meet at 12:15 p.m. in the Adult Education Room, on Sunday, November 22.

**FAITH AND CARE COORDINATORS** provide an opportunity for us all to serve. The Faith and Care Coordinators have a list for December volunteer opportunities on the table in the narthex.



**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)).

**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@yahooogroups.com](mailto:stluke-campusministry-subscribe@yahooogroups.com).

**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.



**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.

**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 & Bud Stanton; *GREETERS:* George & Diane Conneman; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Jeff Snedeker; *ACOLYTES:* Brittany Clark & Peter Hoskins; *READERS:* Ruth Grigorov & Bud Stanton; *COFFEE SERVERS:* *SET-UP:* Lara Stanton; *CLEAN-UP:* Diane Conneman; *BAKERS (after church):* Lara Stanton & Betta Hedlund.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Christ The King, Holy Communion Service,** 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Daniel 7: 13-14; Revelation 1: 4b-8; John 18: 33-37; Sermons: "Witness" and "A Dialogue About Turf"; Hymns: 434, 838, 496, 855.

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## ST. LUKE WORSHIP AND MINISTRIES - LOOKING AHEAD

### 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 Hall)

### Sunday, November 22

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

### Sunday, November 29

- Advent 1

### Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16

- Advent Vespers (Holden Evening Prayer) at 5:30 p.m.

### 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!