

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME. Blessed Advent. God leads us into a new church year and begins to prepare us for the Advent, or Coming, of our Lord at three times: (1) the first coming was on the improbable throne of a manger 2000 years ago; (2) the second coming will be on the throne of the King of all creation in the untimed future; and (3) the third and daily coming is on the throne of our hearts every day. Blessed is the One who has come, is coming, and will come into the world. The Advent of our God is near. God calls us to prepare.

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Wachet Auf" J. S. Bach  
Aara Edwards, viola

Moment of Silence

\*Invocation

\*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

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

\***Hymn 436** "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" WACHET AUF

\*The Greeting Page 138

\*Kyrie Page 138

\*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: Stir-up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

ALL: **By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GOD'S WORD THROUGH WORDS

Word of Welcome Diane Conneman

First Lesson – Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalms 25: 1-10 (sung responsively)

To<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD,  
I lift<sup>1</sup> up my soul.

**<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be<sup>1</sup> put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph<sup>1</sup> over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be<sup>1</sup> put to shame; rather let those be put to shame<sup>1</sup> who are treacherous.

**<sup>4</sup>Show me your<sup>1</sup> ways, O LORD, and teach<sup>1</sup> me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your<sup>1</sup> truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all<sup>1</sup> the day long.

**<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas-<sup>1</sup> sion and love, for they are from<sup>1</sup> everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and<sup>1</sup> my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your good-<sup>1</sup> ness, O LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up-<sup>1</sup> right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners<sup>1</sup> in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the low-<sup>1</sup> ly in justice and teach the low-<sup>1</sup> ly your way.

**<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast<sup>1</sup> love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your<sup>1</sup> testimonies.**

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 – 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 142

\*The Holy Gospel – Luke 21: 25-36

Children's Sermon "Alert" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Comfort, Comfort" arr. John Ferguson

Sermon "Enough Is Enough" Pastor Bair

\***Hymn 241** "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"  
WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN

\*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Es ist ein Ros" Johannes Brahms

\*Congregational Offertory **Hymn 186** "Create in Me..."

\*Prayer of Intercession Page 143

\*The Lord's Prayer Page 144

\*The Benediction Page 146

\***Hymn 244** "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"  
HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG

\*The Dismissal Page 146

Postlude "Nun komm, der heiden heiland" J. Buttstedt

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

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THANKS TO MICHAEL CLARKSON who composed the gospel verse settings used on November 15 and 22.

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 Marlys Wilhelm in loving memory of Arnold Wilhelm.

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.


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

**ST. LUKE NEWS  
ADVENT 1  
29 NOVEMBER 09**

**HAVE A FEW MINUTES** to give but at your convenience? Like to help fellow worshippers but quietly "behind the scenes"? Can you change the colorful paraments and fill the altar candles? You may be just the person to become our new sacristan, who gives care to such things among us. Speak to PB or Everett Nelson.

 **ADVENT NEW HUMANITY NEWSLETTER NOW AVAILABLE.** You can pick-up a hard copy of the newsletter in the narthex, or go to our website [stlukeithaca.org](http://www.stlukeithaca.org).

**TODAY - SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE** will meet at 12:15 p.m. in the Adult Education Room. Please come share ideas.

**WEDNESDAYS DECEMBER 2, 9, 16** at 5:30 p.m. a brief Advent Vespers Service [Holden Evening Prayer].

**HANGING THE GREENS**, Saturday, December 5 at 9:30 a.m. Come help decorate the church building.

**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR**, Saturday, December 5 at 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church and First Baptist Church, DeWitt Park. The Ithaca Alternative Gift Fair is a fun way to bypass the annual stress of holiday shopping and "stuff" accumulation while honoring friends and relatives with donations to causes that fit their values. This year, 55 community non-profit organizations will offer "gifts" from small to large for your choosing.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be next **Sunday, December 6** after the morning worship service. The 2010 budget will be presented for discussion and action. Please come and share.

**2010 ALTAR FLOWER CHART** is posted in the narthex. Sign up for the Sunday of your choice, noting both donor and occasion.

**AREA CONGREGATIONS TOGETHER (ACT)** is co-sponsoring with Eric Clay of Shared Journeys, a community conversation on "Hydro-fracking the Marcellus Shale" It will be held on Thursday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. at Tikkun v'OR, Reformed Temple, on N. Tripphammer Rd. ACT's concerns with faith perspectives and ethical considerations will be foremost in its involvement. Please join us on Dec. 2. If you have any questions, please contact Lu Poley.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Team Members (Scott Adams, Janelle Alvstad-Mattson, Mary Margaret Carmichael, and Diane Conneman) will be around with clipboards before and after church to gather your ideas. They want to know about the newsletter, web site and email updates on events. Please take a few minutes to talk with them. Another option is to use an online survey which you can access from the St. Luke website ([www.stlukeithaca.org](http://www.stlukeithaca.org)) or the December email update.

**"I BELIEVE IN DINNER" RETURNS!** A free Vegetarian Interfaith Dinner, Sunday December 6, 5:00pm - 8:00pm at the One World Room, Anabel Taylor Hall. Sponsors CURW, Hillel, LDS, MECA, and Near East Studies. The "I Believe In...Dinner" is a free interfaith dinner that hopes to give the Cornell and greater Ithaca community an opportunity to explore the similarities and differences of the many religions, traditions, and beliefs here in Ithaca.

**CHRISTMAS EQUAL EXCHANGE GIFTS** will be available Again this year, the Social Ministry committee will make Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project Items available for your Christmas gift giving. This will consist of Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, and Chocolate Bars. These products make great gifts - not only are they useful and appreciated by the recipients, but your purchase is a great way to support economic justice at the same time. There will be a table in the narthex December 6 and 20. You can also pick up an order form in the narthex any time, and send your order to Judy Mehravari. Call if you have any questions! 257-8653.

**SANTA'S SALARIES FOR THE ELCZ.** Between now and Christmas, we will be taking a special collection for our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe. Look for a small Christmas tree in the Narthex with donation envelopes underneath it. Please take an envelope and return it to the collection plate by Christmas with a donation for the ELCZ (make checks out to St. Luke with "ELCZ" in the memo line). Feel free to take an angel ornament from the tree. Just \$5 can pay a pastor's salary for a month, but any amount will help!

**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.

**"AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS" 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Performance**, by Cornell Savoyards Robin Booth, Nola Booth, Douglas Booth, William Christoffels, Doug Mathews and a Savoyard chorus of *Shepherds* and *Shepherdesses*. The performance is **December 19, at 4:00 p.m.** at St. Luke. It's a beautiful production of the Christmas operetta, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, by Gian Carlo Menotti. The story is of a poor crippled boy and his mother who one night receive three visitors on their way to Bethlehem to see a newborn baby. The story is fun and poignant and speaks to the heart about what Christmas should be about. Suitable for the whole family.

**THE FAITH AND CARE LUNCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13** after the Worship Service. The lunch will be hosted by the December Faith and Care Team for the January volunteers. Everyone is invited to share!

**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 photos, a calendar of events, the New Humanity Newsletter, 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:* George & Diane Conneman; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Lauren Mossotti-Kline; *ACOLYTES:* Kyle & Jakob Markwardt; *READER:* Helen Shewchuk; *COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP & CLEAN-UP:* JoAnn Ekdahl; *BAKERS (after church):* Louise McGee & JoAnn Ekdahl.

**ST. LUKE WORSHIP AND MINISTRIES - LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, November 29**

- Advent 1
- Social Ministry Committee Meeting at 12:15 p.m.

**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)
- Catechetics at 1:00 p.m.

**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.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Advent 2, Holy Communion Service**, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Malachi 3: 1-4; Philippians 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6; Sermons: "Soap" and "Defending and Confirming the Gospel"; Hymns: 249, 247, 246, 254.

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

**ST. LUKE STAFF:**

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**ST. LUKE MISSION CENTER:** 109 Oak Avenue, Ithaca, NY

**FLOWERS OF CHRISTMAS to  
Make the Holy Night Radiant**

Celebrate the Gift that we receive at Christmas with the gift of a poinsettia plant for the sanctuary. Gifts can be presented in memory or in honor of special individuals. The cost of each plant this year is \$10.00. You will be able to take your plant home after the 9:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, if you wish. Remaining plants will continue to brighten our worship on the Sundays after Christmas and can be distributed to the shut-ins in our parish after the first of the year.



I/we would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ (number) of poinsettias.

In memory of:

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In honor of:

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Given by:

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**TOTAL: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR ORDERS IN BY DEC. 21. Please indicate "Poinsettias" on the memo of your check so that the treasurer can properly record your donation. Place in the collection plate or mail to the church.**

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**ST. LUKE MISSION STATEMENT**

The people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community of Christians, a part of the body of Christ. We are called to invite others to share in God's Kingdom. Our diversity welcomes and includes the mix of the ages, races, genders, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus—neither our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor anything else in all creation. We are called to follow God in his mission of reconciliation and justice and we celebrate our journey of discipleship with special appreciation for the privileged responsibility of our campus-related mission.