

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, welcome to worship in this season that focuses on the very heart of the Christian faith. Throughout these forty days God invites us to hear the Word and see the mighty acts of God as together we gather around the theme "Down to Dawn". Traditionally, this first Sunday in Lent includes the gospel reading known as the "Temptation in the Wilderness". God reminds us that even after times of affirmation and encouragement (like last week's story about the Mount of Transfiguration), there are times of temptation and challenge -- even for Jesus. God walks not just with us but also before us to show us how much God loves us.

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

PREPARATION

Prelude "O Gott, du frommer Gott (Partita IX)" J. S. Bach

Moment of Silence

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 106

***Hymn 319** "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"
CONSOLATION

*The Greeting Page 156

*Kyrie Page 156

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: O Lord God,

ALL: you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give 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 Steve Magacs

First Lesson – Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 (spoken during Lent)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty--

**²you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."**

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

**¹⁰no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

**¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

**¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

**¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

**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 forever. Amen.**

Second Lesson – Romans 10:8b-13

*Gospel Acclamation Page 160
*The assembly sings the "Glory and praise..." line, then the
choir sings the verse for the day, then all repeat "Glory and praise..."*

*The Holy Gospel – Luke 4: 1-13

Children's Sermon "Fast" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Tantum Ergo" Michael Sitton
*Let us, with heads bowed venerate so great a Sacrament, and let
the old practice yield to the new rite; let faith provide a supplement
for the failure of the senses. To the Begetter and the Begotten be
praise and jubilation, hail, honour, virtue also, and blessing too,
and let equal praise be to Him, who proceeds from Both.*

Sermon "What Passes Your Lips – Both Ways?" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 326** "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" LLANGLOFFAN

*The Nicene Creed Page 104

*Prayers of Intercession Page 161

GOD'S WORD THROUGH ACTION - MEAL

Offering

Offertory "Partita VIII" J. S. Bach

*Prayer Page 161

*The Great Thanksgiving Page 161

*Holy, Holy, Holy Page 162

*Eucharistic Prayer – "In the Night..."

*The Lord's Prayer Page 163

*"Lamb of God" Page 164

*The Communion

*Prayer Page 164

*The Blessing Page 164

***Hymn 618** "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" CWM RHONDDA

*The Dismissal Page 164

Postlude "Partita IV" J. S. Bach

**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.

THANKS TO BETH FAULSTICK for playing the organ today while Erik is returning from a memorial service for Jaime's grandmother in Oklahoma, and to Beth Peterson for leading the choir.

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.

NAME TAGS. Thanks for helping us all remember by wearing one. Returning your magnetic tag to the rack in alphabetical order is much 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@yahoo.com.

ST. LUKE NEWS

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TODAY - SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE will meet after the worship service in the Adult Education Room. Please plan to join us to learn of our many worthwhile projects and/or to suggest any ideas that you might have, all are welcome!"



GREEK PEAK - Thrivent-sponsored day at Greek Peak for area Lutheran youth and friends, February 27, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Participants must pre-register and sign a liability waiver to obtain 50% cost savings on tubing, snowboarding, or skiing rates. There is a flyer in the narthex announcing the details of this event, or speak to David Jung our chapter member of St. Luke.

NEW HUMANITY NEWSLETTER – Ash Wednesday/Lent edition is now located on our website. You can access at <http://www.stlukeithaca.org> click on the New Humanity icon. If you have any questions, please contact the church office (273-6811).

LENTEN MID WEEK DEVOTIONAL SERIES –four Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. (February 24, March 3, 10, 24) Vespers; one Tuesday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. – The St. John Passion by Heinrich Schütz. Soup and Bread Suppers on the Wednesdays following Vespers. Sign up to provide soup and/or bread.

COMMUNION AT ST. LUKE is celebrated every Sunday at the 5:00 p.m. service and every other Sunday plus "at the morning service" Lent 1, 3, 5, and then every Sunday of the Easter Season.

SIGN UP FOR MARCH FAITH AND CARE. The sign-up sheet for March Faith and Care is available at the Faith and Care table in the narthex. Take this opportunity to enable Sunday morning worship. Tasks include ushering, reading, preparing communion and providing for fellowship after the service. See a Faith and Care Coordinator for more information, (Susan Hoskins, Jo Ann Ekdahl, and Doris Mowson).

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.

CUSHIONS AND LAP BLANKETS are available for worshippers. We have the gift of six (6) cushions and several crocheted lap blankets to serve the needs of worshippers. Pick them up from (and return them to) the niches in the back of the nave each Sunday. Thanks to those who have gifted us with these worship aids.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Ithaca MOPS is a growing Christian support network for mothers of preschoolers. They are looking for more volunteers to help with childcare during meeting times (2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month). If you are interested in volunteering or joining MOPS, please contact IthacaMOPS@gmail.com, or talk to Janelle Alvstad-Mattson janelleAM@gmail.com.


ANNUAL 40-HOUR FAST FOR WORKER JUSTICE: FROM FALSE IDOLS TO MORAL VISION - Saturday, March 6th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Church of Ithaca, the Tompkins County Workers' Center and the Religious Task Force for a Living Wage will kick off the 40-Hour Fast for Worker Justice with a potluck dinner and short program. The fast will begin at 8 p.m. This is an annual observance of the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State. This year's theme is: From False Idols to Moral Vision. The fast will conclude at Loaves and Fishes (210 N. Cayuga St., Ithaca) on Monday, March 8th at 12 noon.

WHY FAST FOR 40 HOURS?

The number 40 has significance in both religion and labor: Jesus's 40 days of prayer and fasting in the wilderness, the 40 days of Lent, and the 40-hour work week, which finally became law in 1938. Physical hunger may give one insights into what it means "to hunger for justice."

MONDAY MIDDAY BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY meets on Mondays at 12:15 p.m. in the library. The group is studying, "Give Us Today Our Daily Bread, the theme for the Lutheran World Federation Assembly next summer. Each of the 6 sessions originate in different parts of the world which help expand our world view as we think about our roles in providing food security around the world. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Diane Conneman dyk2@cornell.edu.

DON'T GIVE UP; SHARE WITH.

 This Lent please consider a "share with" approach to your Lenten devotions. Lutheran World Relief has asked for our help to meet the "dire need for Health kits." Many kits have been sent to Haiti but more are needed.

As you do your shopping each week could you commit to adding two or three items to your cart to share with those in need? Or make a monetary donation each week and the committee will do quantity shopping to stretch our dollars. Envelopes are in the narthex.

Kits will be assembled Monday, March 29th.
Items needed:

- Hand towels, dark color recommended
- Wash cloths, dark color recommended
- Bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz each in original wrapping).
- Sturdy combs
- Metal nail files or clippers with nail files attached.
- Band-Aids, preferably ½ or ¾ inches wide.

Boxes for depositing items will be in the narthex and children's devotional area. Contact Diane Conneman with questions; 257-1470 or dyk2@cornell.edu.

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 a.m. on every 1st & 3rd Thurs. in our Adult Ed room.

ARE YOU ACCESSING THE ST. LUKE WEBSITE? [<http://www.stlukeithaca.org>] It now includes 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:* Judy Mehravari & Carol LaBorie; *GREETERS:* Joan Carlson ; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Lauren Mossotti-Kline; *ACOLYTES:* Brittany Clark & Jordan Wight; *READERS:* Michael Clarkson & David Jung; *COMMUNION SET UP: & CLEAN UP: ; COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP: ; CLEAN-UP: ; BAKERS (after church):* Judy Mehravari and Joan Carlson.

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 2, Holy Communion Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Genesis 15: 1-12; Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1; Luke 13: 31-35; Sermons: “Firm” and “Whose Family Table?”; Hymns: 831, 727, 791.

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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.

Lent images a shattered table as the place for reconciliation and healing, by God's Grace...

These forty days are a time of centering for Christians. They are also a time for coming to grips. Our 2010 logo focuses on the image of a Table, God's Table of Grace. Yet, the image addresses the reality of life's 'shattering' experiences which are met by the promise and reality of God's 'healing'. How do we hear the invitation and sit with other shattered and healing people around God's Table of Grace? How are we turned and led to address a shattered world and share God's gifts of healing and wholeness, forgiveness, bread, justice, peace?

SUNDAYS

- 9:30 am** Church School and Forum classes for all ages from 4 years through adults.
10:45 am Full Sung Services Communion: March 7, 21, and 28.
5:00 pm Spoken Order of Holy Communion; Communion every Sunday
Each week both orders include the same lessons and preaching.

EDUCATION DURING THE WEEK

- 12:15 pm** **Mondays** MMBBBS (Bible Study)
6:00 pm **Tuesdays** Student Bible Study, questions and conversations with PB.

WEDNESDAY/MID-WEEK (February 24, March 3, March 10, March 24) AND Tue. March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

- 5:30 pm** A 30-40 minute service of Vespers (Evening Prayer) Reflection upon the lessons in Lectio Divina style.
6:15 pm A simple, shared supper of soups and breads.
7:00 pm An opportunity: (1) to discuss together on the biblical texts highlighted in the devotions AND (2) to reflect further upon the ground of our faith.