

IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, welcome to worship in this season, which focuses on the very heart of the Christian faith: the awesome, mysterious, and passionate love of God in Christ -- for us and for the whole world. For forgiveness. For new life. Even in Lent, Sundays are celebrations of that new life and thus, are not counted in the 40 days of Lent. God is lovingly, powerfully addressing our shattering lives with healing. We are assured of God's love. That is good to remember as today we hear that through the Cross and resurrection God reaches to us not only with a promise to bless but also with a challenge to change, beginning with our perception of whose Table is the source of healing grace.

The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.

PREPARATION

Prelude "Adagio" Felix Mendelssohn

Moment of Silence

*Invocation

*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 106

***Hymn 831** "The God of Abraham Praise" (vs. 1-4) YIGDAL

*The Greeting Page 156

*Kyrie Page 156

*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: God of the covenant,
ALL: **in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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 Lu Poley

First Lesson – Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27: 1-7 (spoken during Lent)

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

**⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days
of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,
and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,
sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to
the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

**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 – Philippians 3: 17 - 4:1

*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 13: 31-35

Children's Sermon "Firm" Pastor Bair

Anthem "Lord, Thee I love With All My Heart" J. S. Bach
text at ELW 750

Sermon "Whose Family Table?" Pastor Bair

***Hymn 727** "Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth"
MIT FREUDEN ZART

*The Apostles' Creed Page 105

A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES

Offering

Offertory "Le Prie-Dieu" George Oldroyd

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

*Prayer of Intercession Page 161

*The Lord's Prayer Page 163

*The Benediction Page 164

***Hymn 791** "We Sing to You, O God" LOVE UNKNOWN

*The Dismissal Page 164

Postlude "Fugue in c minor" Jean Jacques Charpentier

**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.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher.

HEARING ASSIST devices are available from the table before/behind the last pew. Each device has an earpiece and volume control.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Ron and Louise McGee in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

ST. LUKE NEWS
Lent 2
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FAITH AND CARE LUNCHEON, Sunday, March 14, after the Worship Service. The lunch will be hosted by the March Faith and Care Team for the April volunteers. If you can't stay for lunch, coffee is also available. Everyone is invited to share!



LENTEN MID-WEEK DEVOTIONAL SERIES: Vespers on – three Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. March 3, 10, 24 and on **Tuesday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m.** "The St. John Passion" by Heinrich Schütz 1665. Soup and Bread Suppers on the Wednesdays following the service. 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 special festivals "at the morning service" That means Communion at 10:45 on Lent 3, 5, and then every Sunday of the Easter Season.

SIGN UP FOR MARCH & APRIL FAITH AND CARE. The sign-up sheet for March & April 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).

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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS ADVOCACY SUNDAY. The Social Ministry Committee will have materials available in the narthex on the ELCA's stand against the Israeli military's blockade of Gaza, a humanitarian crisis which is affecting 1.5 million people. We will have information on how you can contact your representatives and ask them to put pressure on Israel to end the blockade.

THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE is asking the members of St. Luke to participate in the "Faith in Books Drive", sponsored by the Family Reading Partnership. Please bring new or gently used children's books to the "Bright Red Bookshelf" located in the narthex.

ANNUAL 40-HOUR FAST FOR WORKER JUSTICE: FROM FALSE IDOLS TO MORAL VISION - Saturday, March 6, 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 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.

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.

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.

Our goal is 100 kits. We have items for 30 but need more help. Please add two or three items to your shopping 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 1/2 or 3/4 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.

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:* Jean Robinson & Judy Mehravari; *GREETERS:* Earl Ekdahl; *ASSISTING MINISTER:* Joe Marion; *ACOLYTES:* Mark Dodici & Taylor Engstrom; *READERS:* Brittany Clark & Judy Mehravari; *COMMUNION SET UP:* ; *COFFEE SERVERS:* *SET-UP:& CLEAN UP:* Jo Ann Ekdahl; *BAKERS (after church):* Jean Robinson & Carl Whittaker.

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 3, Holy Communion Service, 10:45 a.m.; Lessons: Isaiah 55: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9; Sermons: “Fig” and “Spending The Grocery Money On...”; Hymns: 339, 624, 612, 542.

ST. LUKE MINISTERS: The People of this Community

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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 to 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?

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.

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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, and 21.
- 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 (March 3, March 10, March 24) AND Tues. March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

- 5:30 pm** A 30-40 minute service of Vespers (Evening Prayer) Guided meditation upon the appointed texts.
- 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.
- 7:30 pm** *Tuesday, March 16, “The St. John Passion” by Heinrich Schütz (1665).*