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| **Jeff’s Picks**Jeff Snedeker’s suggestions for parking near St. Luke Lutheran Church in Ithaca, and for post-concert dining  |
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**Parking**

Concerts at St. Luke are always rewarding, but parking can be a challenge. Jeff strongly recommends that people carpool as much as possible, and plan to arrive early to allow for parking exploration.

The safest bet is the **Dryden Road parking garage**.  Parking is $1 an hour, and it’s a short (but slightly uphill) walk to St. Luke.  The tricky part is finding it, because the entrance is through the facade of a large building.  It’s on the right as you head west (downhill) on Dryden Road from the College Ave intersection.

**Snee Hall**. The Engineering lot is fine to use, and no permission is required. However, there is a section of it (on the left as you reach the end of the drive) in which parking is not allowed on Sundays without a permit.  The section straight ahead is available.  It’s the last day of Cornell’s academic break, so there might actually be a few more spaces available than usual.

There may be spaces **on Oak Ave itself**, but they’ll likely be up the road a bit.

The few spaces in the **driveway next to the church** should be only for those with disabilities (and be prepare to be blocked in).

**Eating**

For dinner options after the concert, the following can be recommended (Jeff’s go-to places). It may be prudent to call or check the website to make sure a restaurant is open on Sunday evening.

**In Collegetown (easy walk from St. Luke):**

Collegetown Bagels (CTB) across College Ave from St. Luke - sandwiches, soups and salads

Big Red Food Court -  newly opened right next door to St. Luke, Mediterranean fare, deli style

Pho Time - on Dryden Rd., 1.5 blocks from St. Luke - Vietnamese

Koko - on College Ave 1.5 blocks from St. Luke - Korean

Plum Tree - on Dryden Rd, 2 blocks from St. Luke - Japanese

*Many other fast food options are within a block or two of St. Luke.*

**At Cornell:**

Banfi’s at the Statler Hotel - valet parking at the main entrance, or about a 10 minute walk from St. Luke - fine dining (tending toward Tuscan)

**Downtown Ithaca, all near or on the Commons** (park in Seneca St. Garage):

Simeon’s - New American Fare

Thompson and Bleecker - artisan pizzas and salads

Mia - Indian/Asian fusion tapas

Cent-Dix - French

Mercato - Mediterranean

Viva Taqueria - Mexican

Creola - Southern steakhouse

Red’s Place, Revelry Yards, and Ithaca Ale House - beer and pub fare

Little Thai House

Bickering Twins - South American fare

**Downtown Ithaca, away from the Commons** (park on site):

Mix - Asian/Southwest tapas

Maxies’ Supper Club - Cajun

Tamarind - Thai

Saigon House – Vietnamese

*There are also a host of fast food options in the “miracle mile” on Rt 13/Elmira Rd south, but that’s the wrong direction for most folks.*