

St. Luke Lutheran Church
Confession of St. Peter
January 18, 2026
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.



SERMON

Rev. Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor
Bishop and President LCMS Atlantic District
“Jesus is the Christ”

Welcome to St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Welcome!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome both members and guests to His church. We are present this day to worship Him. In this service we thank and honor our Lord for His many blessings and seek His guidance and comfort for each day of life.

- ❖ Be **reverent** and **thoughtful** in this Holy place.
- ❖ **Before** the service, speak with God.
- ❖ **During** the service, let God speak to you.
- ❖ **After** the service, speak to one another.

As We Gather: We begin our worship today praising the lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world. For this saving work, Christ is truly worthy of praise, adoration, thanks and honor. He is truly worthy of our worship because of who He is and what He has done for us. Now we shall hear again the great story of salvation that was won for us by the Lamb of God. Rejoice! For the lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!

Holy Communion is celebrated at each Worship Service.

The Lord's Supper is a gift from our Savior in which He offers us Himself and His forgiveness. Those who partake witness their love for Him and their faith and fellowship for each other. If you have confessed your sins and if you have been properly instructed regarding the Lord's Supper and believe in the presence of Christ in the form of bread and wine, which are the body and blood of Christ, please join us for the celebration of Holy Communion.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

8:15am & 10:45am w/ Sunday School

Contemporary Band plays Sundays two times/month (check online calendar)

Sundays at 10:45 AM

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE – On short pause - Resumes soon

Sunday morning between services at 9:30 AM

Wednesday Mornings online at 10:00 AM

The **C.A.R.E Team** encourages *anyone experiencing illness or a challenging situation in their life to reach out to us for support. Support can consist of emotional/spiritual support, meals, transportation, help with errands or chores, and other areas as they are identified. Contact via **Hotline: (631) 600-0271***

Or email careteam@stlukedixhills.org Coordinators: Trish Klare & Amanda Fenty

Mission Statement

To know Christ and make him known by Serving, Teaching, and Loving.

PRELUDE

Adoremus in Aeternum - Eugene Gigout

PASTORAL GREETING

INTROIT: HANDBELL CHOIR (8:15)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Stand

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Pastor: Most Merciful God,

People: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN (8:15am)
“Arise, Your Light Has Come” WOV 652



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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SUNDAY SCHOOL (10:45)

SONGS
Jackie Flynn

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Deacon Tom Lamendola

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL

Stand

“Arise, Your Light Has Come” WOV 652 v.1 (10:45am)

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

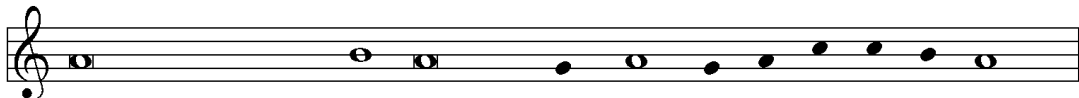
People: **And also with you.**

KYRIE – LBW pp.78-79



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



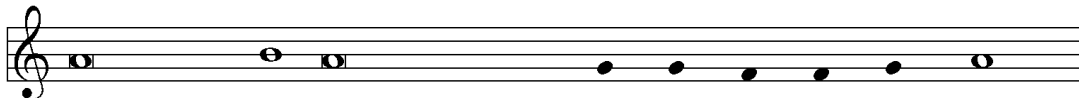
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord.

C A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE
Glory to God in the Highest... LBW pp.79-80



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Pastor: Almighty God, you inspired Simon Peter to confess Jesus as the Messiah and Son of the living God. Keep your church firm on the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING: Acts 4:8-13

⁸ Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to [the authorities,] “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹² “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 18:1-6, 16-19

¹ I love you, O LORD my strength,
O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven;
² **my God, my rock in whom I put my trust,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge.**

³ I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

⁴ **The breakers of death rolled over me,
and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.**

⁵ The cords of Sheol entangled me,
and the snares of death were set for me.

⁶ **I called upon the LORD in my distress and cried out to my God for help.
From the heavens the LORD heard my voice; my cry reached God's ears.**

¹⁶ You reached down from on high and grasped me;
you drew me out of great waters.

¹⁷ **You delivered me from my strong enemies and from those who hated me,
for they were too mighty for me.**

¹⁸ They confronted me in the day of my disaster;
but you, LORD, were my support.

¹⁹ **You brought me out into an open place;
you rescued me because you delighted in me.**

ANTHEM: Adult Choir (10:45)
"Here I Am, Lord" arr. Arnold Sherman

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

I the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

I the lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I Will give my life to them, Whom shall I send, Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.
I will hold your people in my heart.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-5

¹ I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLEUIA AND VERSE LBW p.83

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ.

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HYMN OF THE DAY "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LBW 479



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

**Or, to the dead.*

***meaning, universal*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with "let us pray to the Lord,"
The response is "**Lord, have mercy.**"

Pastor: Almighty God, heavenly Father, grant that we who have celebrated the
incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may die to sin and rise to new life,
that we may treasure up and ponder in our hearts the Christ announced by
Your forerunner; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Word of God, Came Down on Earth - Karl Osterland



Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN

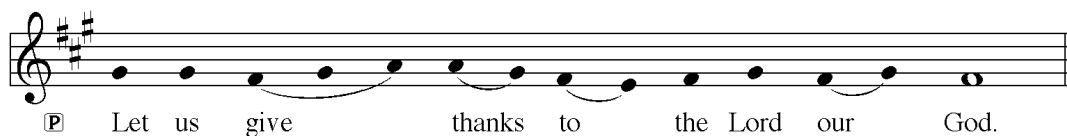
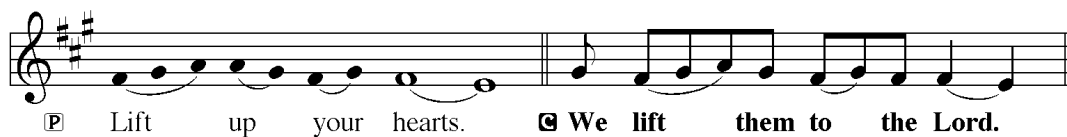
“Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow” LSB 805

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed are you,
People: O Lord our God, maker of all things,
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.
With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives
to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of
him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

SANCTUS



WORDS OF INSTITUTION p.89 #32

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

People: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**


Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

Sit

LAMB OF GOD



 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION MUSIC
“Just As I Am, Without One Plea” LBW 296



- 1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict, man - y_a doubt,
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,



and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 fight-ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 yea, all I need in thee to find,

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| <p>5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
 wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> | <p>6 Just as I am; thy love unknown
 has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.</p> |
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"O Jesus, I Have Promised" LBW 503



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard-ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky" LBW 265



- 1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION HYMN



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Deacon: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

BLESSING

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

MINISTRY NEWS

Stand

CLOSING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” WOV 771



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear



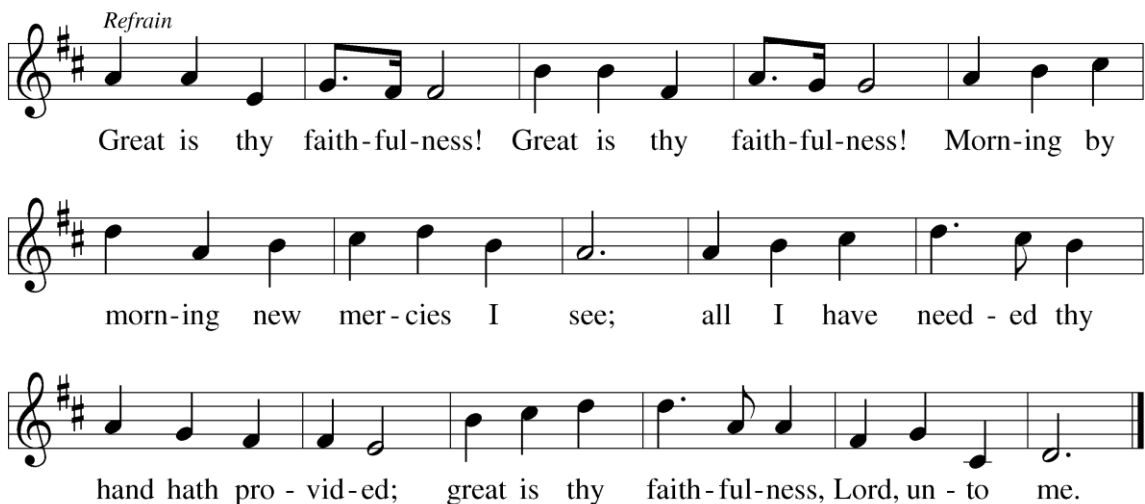
shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

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Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy
 hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

A SENDING WORD

Deacon: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice - Karl Osterland

** Church Attendance and Offerings **
<p><u>Attendance week ending 1/11/2026</u> Sunday, January 11, 2026 8:15 AM: 47 10:45 AM: 115</p> <p><u>Offerings Received in November 2025</u> <i>(total monthly offerings includes online giving)</i></p> <p>ACTUAL November Regular Offerings Received: Regular Weekly Offerings: \$13,520.62 Loose Plate: \$437.00 Thanksgiving: \$225.00</p> <p>Total Offerings November 2025: \$14,182.62 Regular Monthly Budgeted: <u>\$22,608.33</u></p> <p>Year to Date Received (July through November) 2025-2026: \$84,026.00</p>

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