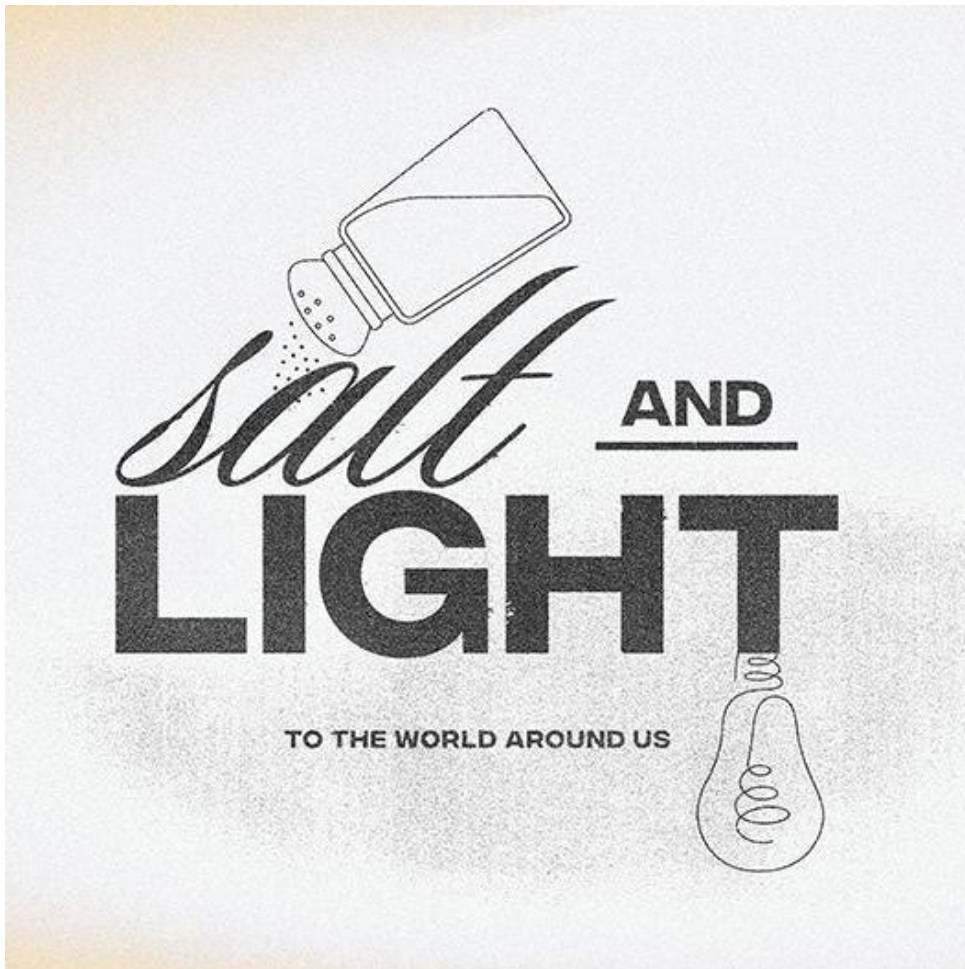


St. Luke Lutheran Church
5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 2026
10:45 a.m. Contemporary



SERMON
Rev. Dr. David H. Benke
Bishop Emeritus LCMS Atlantic District
“Salt of the Earth”

Welcome to
St. Luke Lutheran Church
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Dix Hills, NY 11746-5398
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Pastor Johnson (708) 738-2512
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Our Website: www.stlukedixhills.org
Satellite for the Lutheran Counseling Center: 516-741-0994

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 of 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

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.

PRE-SERVICE
“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

PASTORAL GREETING

Stand

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS – LBW p.77

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OPENING SONG
Here I Am to Worship

Verse

Light of the world; You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse

King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor... Chorus

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross... Chorus

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes let me see

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Pastor: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶ “For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”
But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

Sit

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APOSTLES' CREED – LBW p.85

SONG

We Believe

Verse:

**In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear
There is only One Foundation, we believe we believe
In this broken generation When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation We believe we believe**

Chorus:

We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again
(We believe)

Verse:

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe

Chorus:

We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again

Bridge:

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now, let love invade
Let the church live love our God will see
We believe, we believe.
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the power of God, has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe, we believe... Chorus

Ending:

He's comin' back again, He's comin' back again
We believe, we believe

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with "Merciful God,"
The response is "**Receive our prayer.**"

Pastor: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we
commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to
us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

People: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE – LBW p.86

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

OFFERING SONG

Humble Thyself

Verse 1

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord

And He will lift you up

Higher and higher

And He will lift you up

Chorus:

Our God is an awesome God

He reigns from Heaven above

With wisdom, power and love

Our God is an awesome God

Verse 2

Serve one another in the sight of the Lord

Serve one another in the sight of the Lord

And He will lift you up

Higher and higher And He will lift you up... Chorus

Verse 3

Love one another in the sight of the Lord

Love one another in the sight of the Lord

And He will lift you up

Higher and higher And He will lift you up... Chorus 2X

OFFERTORY PRAYER – LBW p.88 #240

WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LBW p.89 #32

LORD'S PRAYER – LBW p.91 #2

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Will be done in Continuous fashion. Follow the Usher's direction.

COMMUNION SONGS

How Great is Our God

Verse:

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice, All the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light, And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, Trembles at His voice

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.

Verse:

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One: Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb... Chorus

Bridge:

Name above all names, Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing, How great is our God.

Chorus 2X

Your Great Name

Verse 1

Lost are saved find their way
At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great Name

Chorus

Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name

Verse 2

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name. CHORUS

Bridge 1

Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty
Defender my Savior You are my King
(REPEAT)

CHORUS

Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name Your great Name

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty
of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: **Amen.**

BLESSING LSB & LBW p.95

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.**

MINISTRY NEWS

CLOSING SONG **Light of the World**

**You are the Light of the World
You are the Light of the World
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the Light of the World**

**You are a city on a hill
You are a city on a hill
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a city on a hill**

**You are a candle in the dark
You are a candle in the dark
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a candle in the dark**

**You are a star in the night
You are a star in the night
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a star in the night**

**You are the Light of the World
You are the Light of the World
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the Light of the World**

A SENDING WORD

Deacon: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
People: Thanks be to God.

Join Parish Life for...

ADULTS

DRINKS & DESSERTS
PROVIDED

NIGHT OF CARD GAMES

On Saturday
February 28th at

7:00pm

St. Luke

Memorial Gathering Room

Bring an appetizer

Questions? Contact

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Carnival Sponsorship Opportunities

St. Luke Church will be running a children's carnival on May 30, 2026. The funds from this carnival help support the various missions of St. Luke, including the pre-school and youth program. We hope you will consider taking advantage of our many sponsorship opportunities. Through your generosity, St Luke can continue to make a positive impact within the church and community.

Carnival Arcade: Total cost \$5,000
Minimum sponsorship suggestion \$200



Petting Zoo and Pony Rides: total cost 1,550
Minimum Sponsorship suggestion \$200



Prizes: Total cost \$500
Minimum Sponsorship suggestion \$100

In consideration, if they can be fully funded:



Magician: Total cost \$575
Minimum Sponsorship suggestion \$100

Balloon Twister: total Cost \$400
Minimum sponsorship suggestion \$100



Please return the completed form below to the St. Luke Church office, St. Luke
Preschool Office, or mail to 20 Candlewood Path, Dix Hills, NY 11746 c/o Lisa Wenz

Name _____

Address _____

Please Accept my donation towards _____

Amount included _____

Name for sponsorship display: _____

Office use only... ☐ cash ☐ check # _____

Date received ____ / ____ / ____ Initials _____