

*St. Luke Lutheran Church*  
*Transfiguration of Our Lord*  
*February 15, 2026*  
*8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.*

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**SERMON**  
Rev. David Wackenhuth  
**“A Mountaintop Experience”**

## Welcome to St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Dix Hills, NY 11746-5398  
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Our Website: [www.stlukedixhills.org](http://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 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 - Begins Ash Wednesday

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](mailto:careteam@stlukedixhills.org) Coordinators: Trish Klare & Amanda Fenty

### Mission Statement

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

## PRELUDE

“Christ Upon the Mountain Peak” - Chelsea Chen

## PASTORAL GREETING

## CALL FOR PRAYERS

*Stand*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS - LBW p.77

*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

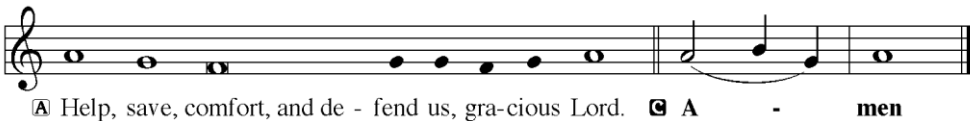
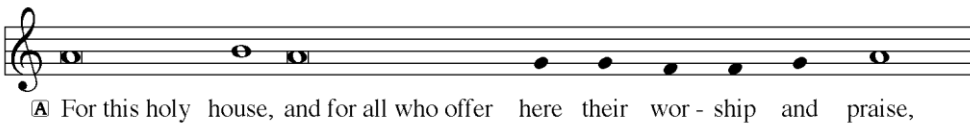
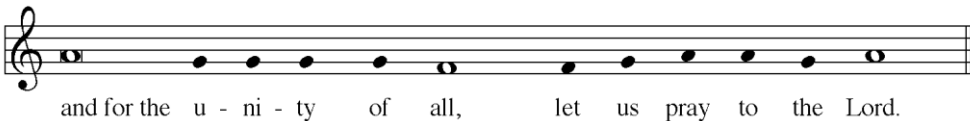
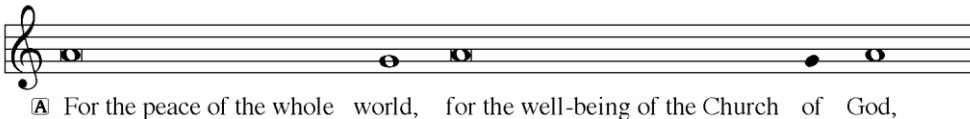
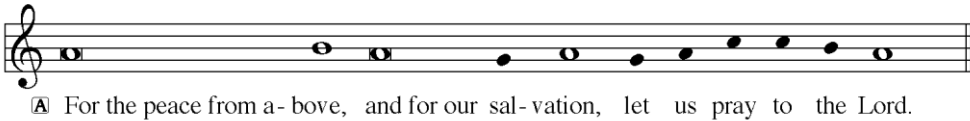
**“Glories of Your Name Are Spoken” LBW 358**

## 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



**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: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

*Sit*

### FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites.

<sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 99

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD, great in Zion,  
is high above all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>4</sup> **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;  
God is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup> **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon  
your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

<sup>7</sup> you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup> **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

### **ANTHEM: ADULT CHOIR (10:45)**

"Jesus Take Us to the Mountain" - Carl Schalk

Jesus take us to the mountain, where with Peter, James and John,  
We are dazzled by Your glory light as blinding as the sun.  
There prepare us for the night, by the vision of that sight.

What do You want us to see there, that Your close companions saw?  
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe.  
Clothed in flesh like ours You go\_ matched to meet our deadliest Foe.

What do You want us to hear there, that Your dear disciples heard?  
Once again the Voice from heaven says of the incarnate Word:  
Listen, listen every one\_ This is my beloved Son!

Take us to that other mountain where we see You glorified  
Where You shouted "It is finished!" where for all the world you died.  
Hear the stunned centurion\_ "Truly This was God's \_ owns Son.

We who have beheld Your glory, risen and ascended Lord,  
Cannot help but tell the story all that we have seen and heard;  
Say with Peter, James and John\_ "You are God's beloved Son!"

## SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup> We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

<sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### ALLEUIA AND VERSE LBW p.83



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

### GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome



by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

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### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"How Good, Lord, to Be Here" LBW 89**

### **APOSTLES' CREED - LBW p.85**

**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 "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 always.

People: **And also with you.**

*Sit*

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

"Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" - Stephen Johnson

*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 – LBW p.88

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 - LBW p.88

The musical score for 'GREAT THANKSGIVING' is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a 'P' time signature and contains the lyrics 'The Lord be with you.' followed by a double bar line and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also begins with a 'P' time signature and contains 'Lift up your hearts.' followed by a double bar line and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff begins with a 'P' time signature and contains the lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff begins with a 'C' time signature and contains the lyrics 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using eighth and quarter notes.

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

## SANCTUS - LBW p.89

The musical score for 'SANCTUS' is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a 'C' time signature and contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:'. The second staff contains 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.' The third staff contains 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff contains 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The melody is more complex than the first hymn, featuring some dotted notes and a final cadence.

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION LBW p.89 #32

### LORD'S PRAYER – LBW p.91

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 – LBW p.92



♩ 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

“Be Thou My Vision” WOV 776

“Abide with Me” LBW 272

“The King Shall Come” LBW 33

*Stand*

### POST-COMMUNION HYMN – LBW pp.92 & 93



☩ 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 – LBW p.94

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 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.**

*Sit*

### MINISTRY NEWS

Stand

**CLOSING HYMN**  
**“O Word of God Incarnate” LBW 231**

**A SENDING WORD**

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

**POSTLUDE**  
“O Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair” - Craig Phillips

<b>** Church Attendance and Offerings **</b>
<p><b><u>Attendance week ending 2/8/2026</u></b> <b>Sunday, February 8, 2026</b> 8:15 AM:45    10:45 AM:100</p> <p><b><u>Offerings Received in January 2026</u></b> <i>(total monthly offerings <b>includes</b> online giving)</i></p> <p><b>January 2026 Offerings Received:</b> Regular Weekly Offerings: \$11,196.94 Loose Plate: \$378.00 Celebrations (Christmas/Advent) \$247.00</p> <p><b>TOTAL</b> January 2026: \$11,821.64 Budgeted \$22,608.33</p> <p>Year to Date Received (July through January) 2025-2026: \$124,834.16</p>

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ADULTS

DRINKS & DESSERTS  
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# 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




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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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