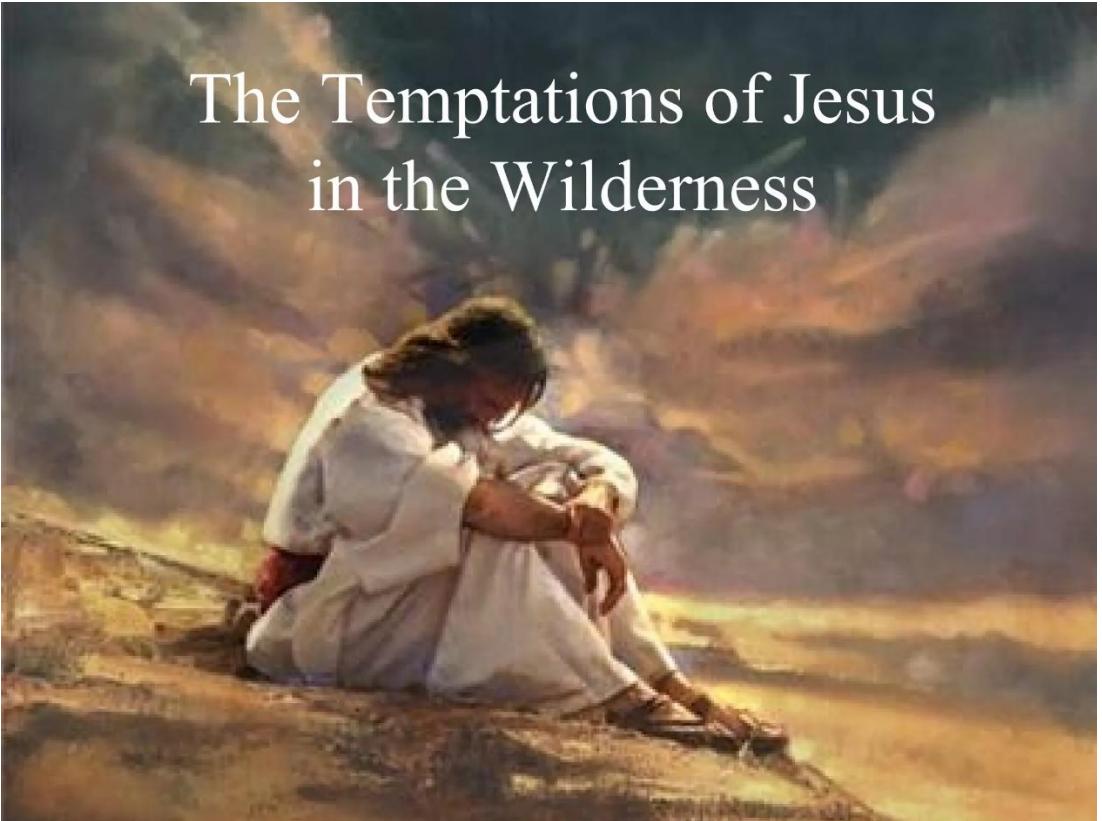


St. Luke Lutheran Church
1st Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026
10:45 a.m. Contemporary



The Temptations of Jesus in the Wilderness

SERMON
Vicar Tyler Martin

**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 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

Lenten Midweek Services

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Sunday morning between services at 9:30 AM (on pause for now)

Wednesday Mornings online at 10:00 AM for Lent

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 caretteam@stlukedixhills.org* Coordinators: Trish Klare & Amanda Fenty

Mission Statement

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

PRE-SERVICE
“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

PASTORAL GREETING

CALL FOR PRAYERS

Stand

CONFESION FOR LENT

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

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

Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.
This promise is for you!
God embraces you with divine mercy,
☩ forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG

POSITIVE CHANGE

OPENING SONG

All in All

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

Vicar: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Vicar: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

READING: Romans 5:12-19

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Vicar: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

⁴ But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,
⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Vicar: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

SERMON

Vicar Tyler Martin

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.

SONG

You Are Worthy of My Praise

Verse 1

I will worship (I will worship)
With all of my heart (with all of my heart)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
With all of my strength (all my strength)

**I will seek You (I will seek You)
All of my days (all of my days)
I will follow (I will follow)
All of Your ways (all Your ways)**

Chorus

**I will give You all my worship
I will give You all my praise
You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise**

Verse 2

**I will bow down (I will bow down)
And hail You as King (and hail You as King)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
Give You everything (everything)**

**I will lift up (I will lift up)
My eyes to Your throne (my eyes to Your throne)
I will trust You (I will trust You)
I will trust You alone (Trust You alone) ... Chorus**

You alone are worthy of my praise

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with “Hear us, O God,”
The response is “**Your mercy is great.**”

Vicar: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

People: **Amen.**
SHARING OF THE PEACE – LBW p.86

Vicar: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG
Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without you I fall apart,
You're the one
That guides my heart.

Chorus

Lord, I need you, oh I need you
Every hour I need you
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need you.

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found, is where you are
And where you are, Lord I am free,
Holiness is Christ in me. Chorus

Bridge

Teach my song to rise to you,
when temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you,
Jesus, you're my hope and stay. Chorus

My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need you.

My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need you. (soft)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Vicar: Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth,
People: your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and
sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear
witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER – LBW p.91 #2

Vicar: 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.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

BLESSING LSB & LBW p.95

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Vicar: 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

Our God is Greater

Verse 1

**Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like you. None like you**

**Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's No one like you. None like you**

Chorus

**Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God**

Verse 2

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we Rise
There is no one like you. None like you.

Chorus

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God

Bridge

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us.
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against.
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us.
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against.
Then what could stand against.

Chorus 2X

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is Healer, awesome in power
Our God, Our God

A SENDING WORD

Deacon: Go in peace. Believe the good news.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

** Church Attendance and Offerings **

Attendance week ending 2/15/2026

Sunday, February 15, 2026

8:15 AM:33 10:45 AM:65

Offerings Received in January 2026

(total monthly offerings includes online giving)

January 2026 Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$11,196.94

Loose Plate: \$378.00

Celebrations (Christmas/Advent) \$247.00

TOTAL January 2026: \$11,821.64

Budgeted \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through January) 2025-2026: \$124,834.16

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Carnival Sponsorship Opportunities Update

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



Food: Total Cost \$600

Minimum Sponsorship suggestion \$100

****Thank you to the generous sponsors
who have fully funded: The Magician, Balloon
Twister, and Dunk Tank!**

Scan the QR Code
to Donate Online
Scroll down to Carnival.
Please note what you are sponsoring.

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 _____

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Date received _____ / _____ / _____ Initials _____