

*St. Luke Lutheran Church*  
*First Sunday in Lent*  
*February 22, 2026*  
*8:15AM*

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THE TEMPTATION OF  
JESUS

Matt. 4:1-11

**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 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 [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

Beautiful Savior - Paul Walker

## PASTORAL GREETING

## CALL FOR PRAYERS

## INTROIT: HANDBELL CHOIR

O Worship the King - arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS -

*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.

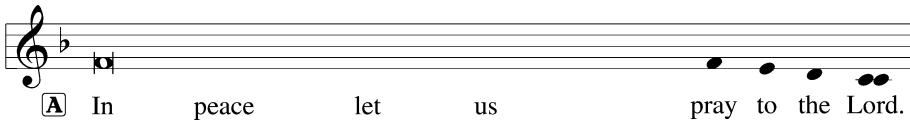
**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**  
**“O God, Beyond All Praising” WOV 797**

**GREETING**

Vicar: 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 - LSB p.204**



**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Vicar: The Lord be with you

**People:** And also with you.

Vicar: Let us pray.

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.

### First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

<sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 32

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!
- <sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- <sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt  
of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- <sup>8</sup> **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;  
I will guide you with my eye.**
- <sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- <sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**
- <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup> 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 <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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.**

### GOSPEL VERSE– LSB 205



### THE GOSPEL

Vicar: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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

<sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written,

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

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> 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.'

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

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

<sup>11</sup> 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.

## **SERMON**

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## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days” LBW 99**

## **APOSTLES’ CREED – LSB p.207**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **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

Vicar: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

“There in God's Garden” - Lloyd Pfautsch

#### OFFERING HYMN

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” LSB 781, v.1



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

#### 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.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING – LSB 208

Vicar: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Vicar: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Vicar: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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

## SANCTUS – LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### **LORD'S PRAYER – LSB p.209**

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**

### **BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION - LSB p.212**

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 HYMN**  
**“Jesus, Still Lead On” LBW 341**

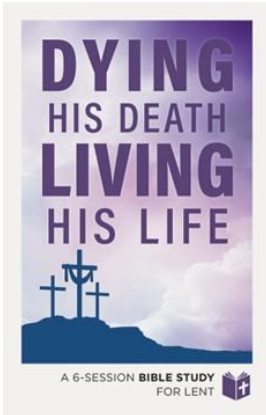
### **DISMISSAL**

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

### **POSTLUDE**

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” - Andrew Clarke

## LENTEN WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY



### Online Bible Study

Join Pastor Tom Cusanelli for Wednesday Online Bible Study at 10am on Zoom. Pastor leads us in a new 6 week Bible Study for Lent entitled, **“Dying His Death Living His Life”**

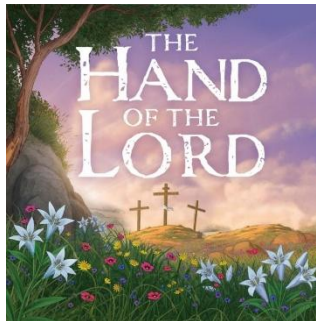
There are a limited number of Student guides available in the Church office. Please contact Laura in the church office [laura@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:laura@stlukedixhills.org) to reserve a copy. **We have copies available.**

*A Reminder email with the link to the Online Zoom meeting goes out on Sunday evening.*

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### Midweek Wednesday Lenten Services

Join us on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. as we journey through Lent with a special Lenten Series presented by the St. Luke Deacons.



The Deacons will guide us through a themed Lenten worship series that focuses on the Hands of the Lord throughout Scripture.

<b>** Church Attendance and Offerings **</b>
<p><b><u>Attendance week ending 2/15/2026</u></b>  <b>Sunday, February 15, 2026</b>  8:15 AM:33    10:45 AM:65</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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## St Luke Missions Easter Baskets Collection To Helping Hand Missions

- Pick up a basket at St. Luke at back of the Church
- Fill it with Easter Goodies
- Wrap it in clear cellophane
- Bring it back to St. Luke by the deadline

Collecting Now  
Return Deadline is March 15, 2026



Join Parish Life for...

**ADULTS**

# NIGHT OF CARD GAMES

**DRINKS & DESSERTS PROVIDED**

**Bring an Appetizer**

**On Saturday**  
**February 28th at 7:00pm**  
 St. Luke  
 Memorial Gathering Room

Questions? Contact  
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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



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

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

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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