

St. Luke Lutheran Church

7th Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025

10:45 a.m. Contemporary



SERMON

Pastor Johnson

Be Merciful

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

—Luke 6:36

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

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
“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

PASTORAL GREETING

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG
SUNDAY SCHOOL “Positive Change”

OPENING SONG
All Day Long

Chorus:

All Day Long
Never ending voices ringing out
From the break of daylight
And all through the night I'll praise
REPEAT 2X

Verse 1:

You are the glorious One
Great victorious son
Your grace, fills this place
And all I can do is praise

Chorus:

All Day Long
Never ending voices ringing out
From the break of daylight
And all through the night I'll praise

Verse 2:

You are the ancient of days
Perfect in all of your ways
Your majesty surrounds
And all I can do is praise

Chorus:

All Day Long
Never ending voices ringing out
From the break of daylight
And all through the night I'll praise

Bridge:

All Day Long, We're singing your song

Let the bells ring out, Hear the mute man shout

All through the night, You're shining so bright, And all I can do is praise

Chorus

All Day Long

Never ending voices ringing out

From the break of daylight

And all through the night I'll praise

REPEAT

OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING – Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors.

⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

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

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

[Jesus said:] ²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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

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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*

SERMON SONG
10,000 Reasons

Chorus:

**Bless the Lord oh my soul; Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name; Sing like never before
Oh my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name**

**The sun comes up It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing When the evening comes... Chorus**

**You're rich in love And You're slow to anger
Your name is great And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find... Chorus**

**And on that day When my strength is failing
The end draws near And my time has come
Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years And then forevermore... Chorus**

THE PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING SONG

One Thing Remains

[Verse 1]

**Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains**

[Chorus]

Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love

[Verse 2]

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains

[Chorus]

[Bridge]

In death, In life, I'm confident and
covered by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can
separate my heart from Your great love

[Chorus-2x]

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

Breathe

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence, living in me

This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread
Your very word, spoken to me

And I – I – I, I'm desperate for you
And I – I - I, I'm lost without you

Repeat all

End
I'm desperate for You. I'm lost without You.

I Can Only Imagine

Verse 1

I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes will see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine

Chorus

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for You Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine (yeah)
I can only imagine

Verse 2

I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever forever worship You
I can only imagine
I can only imagine

Chorus

Ending

I can only imagine when all I will do
Is forever forever worship You
I can only imagine

BLESSING

MINISTRY NEWS

CLOSING SONG

My Lighthouse

[Verse 1]

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are my peace in the troubled sea
You are my peace in the troubled sea

[Verse 2]

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are my peace in the troubled sea
You are my peace in the troubled sea

[Chorus]

**My Lighthouse, My lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, My Lighthouse
I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore
(Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to Shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to Shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to Shore**

[Verse 3]

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

[Chorus-2x]

**My Lighthouse, My lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My Lighthouse, My Lighthouse
I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore
(Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to Shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to Shore (Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
Safe to Shore**

A SENDING WORD

Deacon: Go in peace. Live in hope.

People: Thanks be to God.

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** Church Attendance and Offerings **

Attendance week ending 2/16/2025

Sunday February 16, 2025

8:15 AM: 44

Contemporary 10:45 AM: 36

Offerings Received in January 2025

(total monthly offerings includes online giving)

ACTUAL October Regular Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$21,831.23.50

Loose Plate: \$195.00

Total January: \$22,026.23.80

Regular Budgeted: \$22,000.00

Year to Date Through January 2025

ACTUAL YTD Offerings Received: \$ 157,581.97

YTD Offerings Budgeted: \$154,000.00

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