

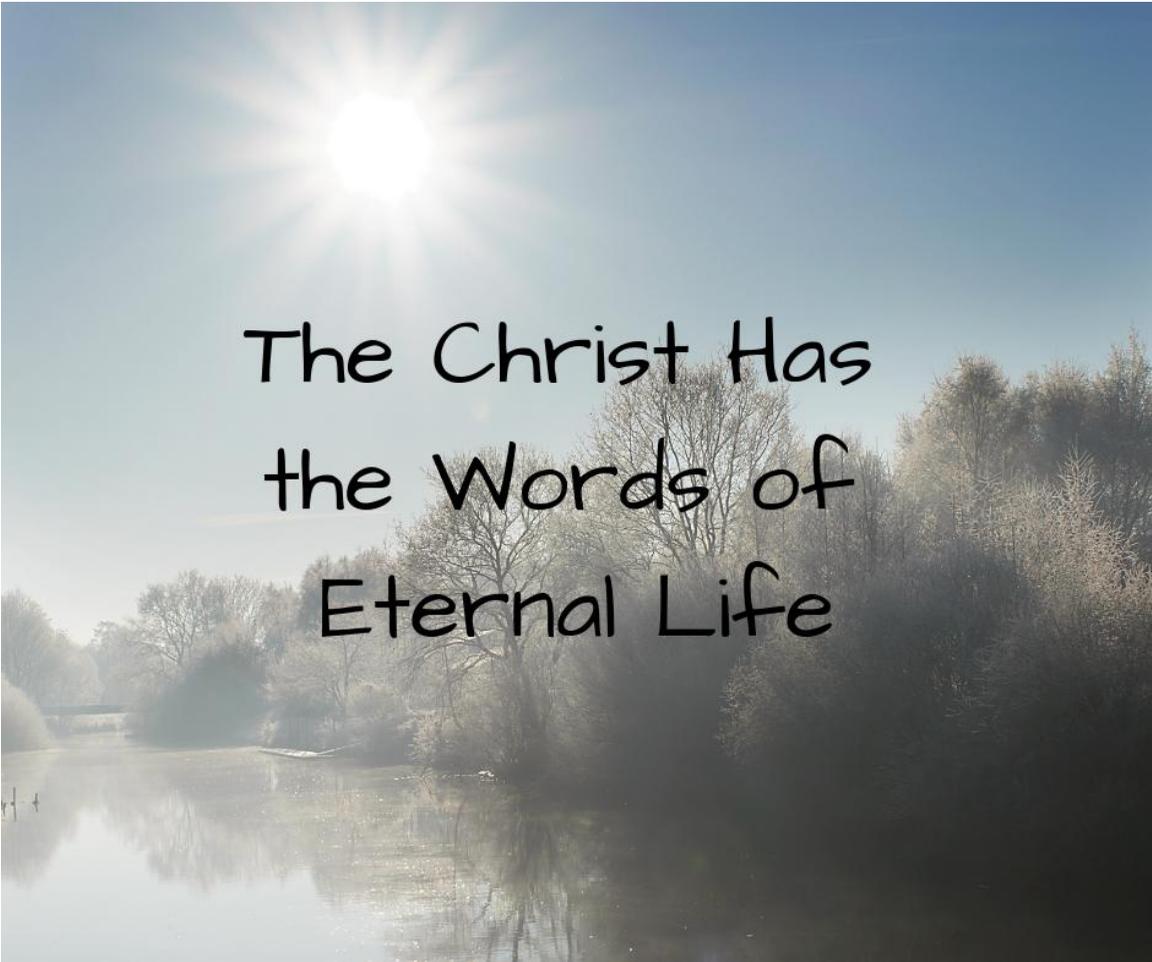
St. Luke Lutheran Church

March 22, 2026

10:45 a.m. Contemporary

First Holy Communion

5th Sunday in Lent



The Christ Has
the Words of
Eternal Life

SERMON

Rev. Arthur Gillespie

“I AM; HE IS; WE ARE”

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

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 Coordinators: Trish Klare & Amanda Fenty*

Mission Statement

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

PRELUDE

“All Praise to You Eternal Lord” - Sigfrid Karg-Elert
“Ballade Op. 23, No. 1” - Chopin
played by Chloe Cheong

PASTORAL GREETING

CALL FOR PRAYERS

Stand

CONFESSION 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

Jackie Flynn

YOUTH RETREAT VIDEO

Deacon Tom Lamendola

OPENING 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

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

Pastor: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through 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 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter.

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

Gospel: John 11:17-27, 38-45

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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

SONG
“I Am the Bread of Life” WOV 702, V. 1, 4, 5

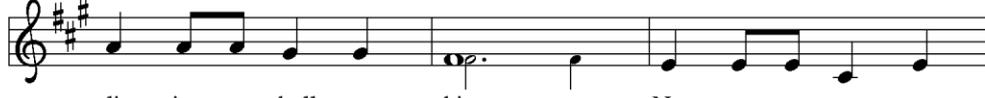
Leader or All



1 “I am the Bread of life. You who
2 “The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 “Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 “I am the res - ur - tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.”
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er.”
blood, you shall not have life with - in you.”
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er.”
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

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Kejram
All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Sit

SERMON
Rev. Arthur Gillespie
“I AM; HE IS; WE ARE”

Stand

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with "Hear us, O God,"

The response is "**Your mercy is great.**"

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

People: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE – LBW p.86

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Sit

OFFERING SONG

You Never Let Go

Verse 1:

Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
Your perfect love is casting out fear.
And even when I'm caught
in the middle of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back, I know You are near.

Pre-Chorus:

And I will fear no evil,
For my God is with me.
And if my God is with me,
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus:

Oh no, You never let go,
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go,
In every high and every low
O no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me.

Verse 2:

And I can see a light
that is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare.
And there will be an end
to these troubles, But until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the earth.

Pre-Chorus
Chorus (2X)

Stand

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: 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.**

Stand

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.**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **And also with you.**

Sit

HOLY COMMUNION



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

As your name is read, please proceed to the base of the altar with your parents.

Presentation of First Holy Communion Students

**Maverick Brown
Ava DeLibero
Sophia Etienne
Charlotte Fiordimondo**

**Wyatt Katz
Keira Marshall
Billy Phillips
Reese Wustenhoff**

We give thanks to the Lord for these students and their parents who guide them, and we pray that the Lord will bless them in their journey of faith.

COMMUNION SONGS

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine

Chorus (2X)

What a Beautiful Name

Verse 1

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Verse 2

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus 2

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Bridge 1

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

Bridge 2

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

Chorus 3

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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:

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

Bridge:

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

Chorus (2X):

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

Feel the Breeze by Kyle Sherlock

Verse:

An old man walking into church once told me be careful what you search
For life is not about what you own, for His name is the seed that must be sewn

Pre-chorus:

So then, you must remember you may think that you're alone.

Chorus:

But can you feel the breeze He's all around you.
Fall right down to your knees take in this wonderful view.
Just feel the Breeze.

Verse:

Abide by Him every day you live and that's how you can rid your life of sin.
For we are children of the Lord so let Him be your shield and sword.

Pre-chorus:

So then, you must remember you may think that you're alone.

Chorus:

But can you feel the breeze He's all around you.
Fall right down to your knees take in this wonderful view.
Just feel the Breeze.

Bridge:

You need to know You need to know that he will love you forever (3X)

Chorus:

But you can feel the breeze He's all around you
Fall right down to your knees yes you can make it through
This life is beautiful
Just feel the Breeze.

Stand

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
People: **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Deacon: Let us pray. God of our salvation,
we give You thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to You and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
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.**

Sit

MINISTRY NEWS

Stand

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

A SENDING WORD

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

**** Church Attendance and Offerings ****

Attendance week ending 3/15/2026

Sunday, March 15, 2026

8:15 AM:54 10:45 AM:103

Offerings Received in February 2026

(total monthly offerings includes online giving)

February 2026 Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$16,682.34

Loose Plate: \$400.26

Celebrations: \$462.00

TOTAL February 2026: \$17,544.60

Budgeted \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through February) 2025-2026: \$ 142,378.76

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