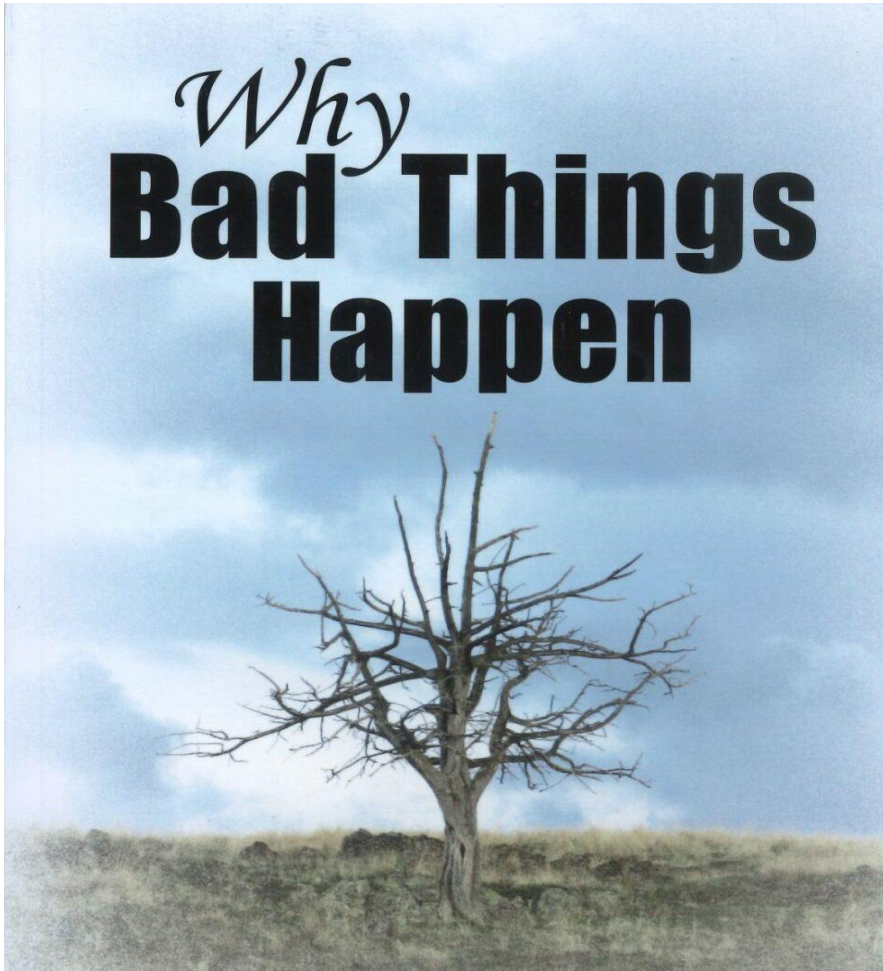


St. Luke Lutheran Church

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

10:45 a.m. Contemporary



SERMON

Pastor Johnson

“Why bad things happen”

—Luke 13:1-5

Welcome to
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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
"You Are My King"**

PASTORAL GREETING

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG

**OPENING 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

**Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
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OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did, as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸ We must not engage in sexual immorality, as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

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

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

¹ At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”³ No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Johnson

Why bad things happen

—Luke 13:1-5

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
Mighty to Save

[Verse 1]

Everyone needs compassion
A Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a savior
The hope of nations

[Chorus]

Savior, he can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

[Verse 2]

So take me as you find me
All my fears and failures
And fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender (Yes I surrender)

[Chorus]

[Bridge]

Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing,
For the glory of the risen king, Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing
For the glory of the risen king

[Chorus] (x2)

THE PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING SONG

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Verse 1

I want Jesus to walk with me
I want Jesus to walk with me
All along my pilgrim journey
Lord I want Jesus to walk with me

Verse 2

In my trials, walk with me
In my trials, walk with me
When my heart is almost breaking
Lord I want Jesus to walk with me

Verse 3

When I'm in trouble, walk with me
When I'm in trouble, walk with me
When my head is bowed in sorrow
Lord I want Jesus to walk with me

Verse 1

I want Jesus to walk with me
I want Jesus to walk with me
All along my pilgrim journey
Lord I want Jesus to walk with me

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.**

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

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

Word of God Speak

Verse 1

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say

Chorus

Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know
That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness
(Word of God speak)

Verse 2

I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice... Chorus

Ending

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay

The Revelation Song

Verse 1:

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus:

Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything
And I will adore You

Verse 2:

Clothed in rainbows, of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be
To You the only wise King... Chorus

Verse 3:

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name
Jesus your name is power
Breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery... Chorus

BLESSING

MINISTRY NEWS

CLOSING SONG

Dry Bones

CHORUS

Gonna make these dry bones walk.
Gonna make these dry bones walk.
God has decided, now I'll do more than talk.
God has made these dry bones walk.

VERSE 1

Gonna be the salt where the world is bland.
Gonna be the thought when the world won't understand
Gonna be the light where the world is dark.
Gonna fight the fight and leave a mark. CHORUS

VERSE 2

Gonna be the food when the world needs bread.
Gonna be the life where the world would be dead.
Gonna be the water in a world that would thirst.
The first shall be last and the last shall be first. CHORUS

VERSE 3

Gonna be the hope when the world's in despair.
At the end of our rope, God will be there.
Gonna be the spark when the world needs a start.
Gonna write his new law in the flesh of our hearts. CHORUS

VERSE 4

Gonna be the way when the world is lost.
Gonna calm the waves when the world is tossed.
Gonna be the yeast when the world needs leaven.
Prepare the feast for the kingdom in Heaven. CHORUS

A SENDING WORD

Deacon: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Attendance week ending 3/16/2025

Sunday March 16, 2025

8:15 AM: 45

Contemporary 10:45 AM: 100

Offerings Received in February 2025

*(total monthly offerings **includes** online giving)*

ACTUAL February Regular Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$18,866.59

Loose Plate: \$117.00

Total February: \$18,983.59

Regular Budgeted: \$22,000.00

Year to Date Through February 2025

ACTUAL YTD Offerings Received: \$ 176,565.56

YTD Offerings Budgeted: \$176,000.00

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