St. Luke Lutheran Church Palm Sunday – April 13, 2025 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.



Sermon "Paradise"

"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."
—Luke 23:42b

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

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 <u>careteam@stlukedixhills.org</u>

Coordinators: Trish Klare & Amanda Fenty

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

PRELUDE

March on a Theme by Handel "Lift Up Your Heads" - Alexandre Guilmant

INTROIT – Handbell Choir

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" - Matthew Compton

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Pastor: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Hosanna to the Son of David.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may

enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL - LUKE 19:28-40

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven.

and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

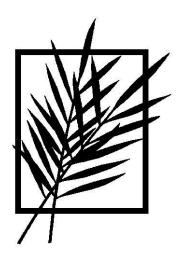
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and

branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen



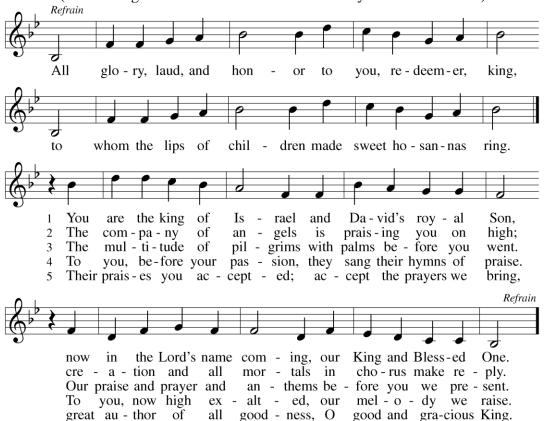
PROCESSION

Pastor Let us go forth in peace, **People in the name of the Lord.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" - LBW 108

(10:45: Sing verses 1-4. 5th verse when Sunday School dismissed)



Pastor **People**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

YOUTH CHOIR (10:45)

"Hosanna to the Son" - Jody Lindh

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Deacon Tom Lamendola

Sunday School Dismissal (10:45)

Sing 5th verse of "All Glory Laud and Honor"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you

sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with

you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me

the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

8he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

9It is the Lord GOD who helps me:

who will declare me guilty?

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.

15My times are in your hand;
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
 16Let your face shine upon your servant;
 save me in your steadfast love."

ADULT CHOIR

"Let the Rocks Cry Out" - Lloyd Larson

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 23:1-49

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord

¹Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man inciting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to Caesar and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." ³Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." ⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." ⁵But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

⁶ When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷ And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸ When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹ He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ The chief priests and the scribes stood by vehemently accusing him. ¹¹ Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. ¹² That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

¹³ Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people ¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people, and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵ Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶ I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

¹⁸ Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" ¹⁹ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city and for murder.) ²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, ²¹ but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²² A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." ²³ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified, and their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

²⁶ As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent."

⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance watching these things.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Johnson

Paradise

"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."
—Luke 23:42b



5. For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us he gave his dying breath.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth, Of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son
He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with "God, in Your mercy," The response is "receive our prayer."

Pastor: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your

love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

People: Amen.

^{*}meaning, universal

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please do so with a wave, handshake, or however you feel comfortable.

Hand sanitizer is available in the sanctuary.

Ask an usher if you don't see one

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Kingsfold - Maureen Howell

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

People: O Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of

him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - LSB 203

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **People:** who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and

praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Brief Silence

Pastor: Together, we pray,

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us

to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his

sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

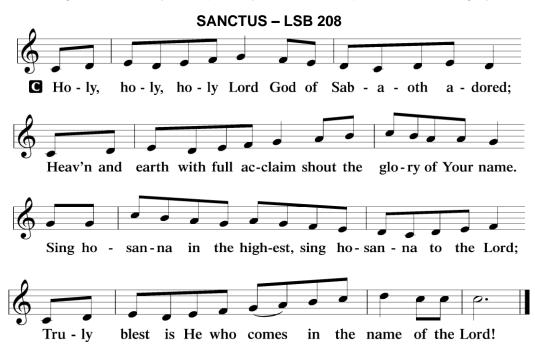
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: and also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: 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 their unending hymn:



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.

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;

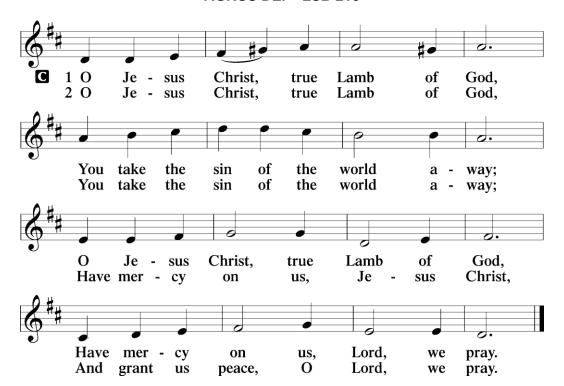
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

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

People: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI - LSB 210



COMMUNION MUSIC





- Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and King of kings, yet Mar - y, old born of as of on
- Rank on rank the host of heav en spreads its van guard At his feet the six winged ser aph, cher u bim with
- 4 At his feet the six winged ser aph, cher u bim with



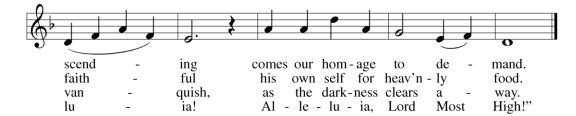
trem - bling stand; earth he stood, on the way; sleep - less eye, pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, as the Light of light, de - scend - ing veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,



for with bless-ing in his in the bod - y and the from the realms of end - less as with cease-less voice they

hand blood, day, cry:

Christ our God to earth dehe will give to all the comes, the pow'rs of hell to "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



"Ah, Holy Jesus, How Has Thou Offended" LBW 123



- Ah. ho - ly Je - sus, Who was the guilt - y?
- the Good Shep-herd Lo.
- me, kind Je sus, For
- There-fore, kind Je sus,

how hast thou of - fend-ed Who brought this up - on thee?

for the sheep is of - fered: the slave hath

was thine in - car - na - tion,

thy mor - tal since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee trea - son, sin - ned, sor - row,

dore thee.

hath in hate pre - tend - ed? Je - sus, hath un - done thee. and the Son hath suf - fered; and thy life's ob - la - tion; and will ev - er pray thee:

By foes de - rid - ed, 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus, for man's a - tone - ment, thy death of an - guish think on thy pit - v

that man to

A - las, my



by thine own re - ject - ed, de - nied thee; Ι it was while he noth - ing heed - eth, and thy bit - ter pas - sion, and thy love un - swerv - ing,

O most af - flict - ed. Ι cru - ci fied God in - ter ced - eth. for my sal - va - tion. not mv de - serv - ing.

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" LBW 93



- 1 Je sus, ref uge of the wea - rv. blest re-deem-er, whom we love,
- 2 Do we pass that cross un-heed-ing, breath-ing no re - pen - tant vow,
- 3 Je sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent love for you;



foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior from the world a - bove: though we see you wound-ed, bleed-ing, see your thorn-en - cir - cled brow? may our eyes be ev - er turn - ing to be - hold your cross a - new;



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Deacon: Let us pray,

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with

You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

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 \oplus give you peace.

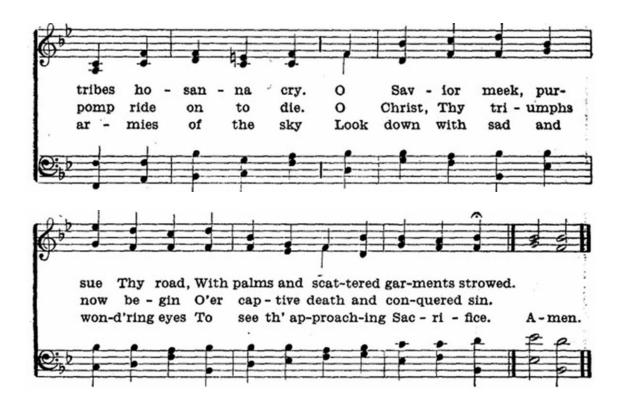
People: Amen.

MINISTRY NEWS

CLOSING HYMN

Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty Winchester New Matt. 21: 9 usikalisches Handbuck Henry H. Milman, 1827, alt. Hamburg, 1690 1 Ride on. ride on. in Hark! all 2 Ride on, ride on. in low -In 3 Ride ride in on. on. ty! The an - gel

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- 4 Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
 Thy last and flercest strife is nigh;
 The Father on His sapphire throne
 Expects His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on, in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die.
 Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
 Then take, O Christ, Thy power and reign.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace. Serve in love.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Ride On in Majesty" - Alan Bullard

EASTER LILIES 2025



Easter lilies not only make our church look lovely, but they are also a lovely gift to take to grandparents, parents, or friends on this very special day. Our Easter Lilies are from Hick's Nurseries. If you wish to place a Lily (\$25 each) on the altar for Easter Sunday, please fill in the form below and place it in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" with your check (payable to St. Luke Lutheran Church) or cash. Drop it off at worship or mail in the form with payment to St Luke Lutheran Church, 20 Candlewood Path, Dix Hills, NY 11746. (Do not mail Cash)

You can also order and pay for your flowers online at our website. Go to www.stlukedixhills.org Go to Events-Forms under church news to order and pay at the giving link. Having trouble? Email the details of your order, how

many flowers, in memory of, honor of or glory to God and given by who to Laura@stlukedixhills.org Flowers can be picked up after the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday morning, and any day after Easter.

To be included in the Easter Memorial Bulletin, please order on time. ** Please place your order by April 13th **

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