

St. Luke Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

10:45 a.m. Contemporary



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

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
“In Christ Alone”

PASTORAL GREETING

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins

Deacon: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

People: Amen.

Deacon: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Deacon: Most Merciful God,

People: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Deacon: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG

OPENING SONG
Now Let us Dance

VERSE 1

Now let us dance for the victory is won.
Now let us sing for the song has begun.
Now let us live in the light of the Son.
Gathered and called and united as one.

CHORUS

When we see the grave, stone is rolled away,
Hear the angels say, "He is risen!"
When we rise from death, filled with God's own breath.
Dead in sin and yet, were forgiven.

VERSE 2

At dawn as they walked sadly hanging their heads.
They fell in reverence when the angel said,
"Why do you look for the living with the dead?"
Their mourning walk turned to dancing instead.

CHORUS

When we see the grave, stone is rolled away,
Hear the angels say, "He is risen!"
When we rise from death, filled with God's own breath.
Dead in sin and yet, were forgiven.

VERSE 3

This same Good News we believers proclaim.
When we with water baptized in His name.
Their message then, and ours now the same,
Jesus has the victory, and Satan has no claim.

CHORUS (2X)

When we see the grave, stone is rolled away,
Hear the angels say, "He is risen!"
When we rise from death, filled with God's own breath.
Dead in sin and yet, were forgiven.

OPENING PRAYER

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Deacon: Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles], they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO - Philip Clark

"Si Tra I Ceppi" - Handel

Translation:

*Howsoever they may revile me,
Shall my faith resplendent shine!*

*Nor shall death itself compel me
E'er t'abjure the fire divine.*

THE GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Deacon Tom Lamendola

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
All of Creation

Verse 1

Separated until the veil was torn
The moment that hope was born
And guilt was pardoned once and for all

Verse 2

Captivated but no longer bound by chains
Left at an empty grave
The sinner and the sacred resolved

Chorus

And all of creation sing with me now
Lift up your voice and lay your burden down
And all of creation sing with me now
Fill up the heavens let His glory resound

Verse 3

When time has faded and we see Him face to face
Every doubt erased
Forever we will worship the King

Chorus

And all of creation sing with me now
Lift up your voice and lay your burden down
And all of creation sing with me now
Fill up the heavens let His glory resound

Bridge

The reason we breathe is to sing of His glory
And for all He has done praise the Father
Praise the Son and the Spirit in One

Chorus 2X

And all of creation sing with me now
Lift up your voice and lay your burden down
And all of creation sing with me now
Fill up the heavens let His glory resound

Ending

And every knee will bow
Oh and every tongue praise the Father
Praise the Son and the Spirit in One

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

Deacon: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

People: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Deacon: 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 SONG

The Wonderful Cross

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2

See from his head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

Chorus

O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die
and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here
By grace draw near and bless your name.

Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Chorus- 2x

O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die
and find that I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here
By grace draw near and bless your name.

Love so amazing so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Deacon: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

People: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious
love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(We speak the words in unison as we use pre-consecrated elements)

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon: 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.**

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

HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION SONGS **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.

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

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Deacon: 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 SONG

Your Grace is Enough

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Bridge

So remember Your people. Remember Your children
Remember Your promises, Oh God

Chorus

Your Grace is enough, Your Grace is enough
Your Grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Bridge

So remember Your people. Remember Your children
Remember Your promises, Oh God

Chorus

Your Grace is enough, Your Grace is enough
Your Grace is enough for me

Your Grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us.
Your Grace is enough for me

A SENDING WORD

Deacon: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Deacon: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 11TH– 15TH, 2025
9:30AM–12:30PM

Open to all children entering Pre-K up until the 8th grade!

Online Registration begins May 1st!
www.stlukedixhills.org/vbs

Similar to camp!
\$55 per child!

TRUE NORTH
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Open to everyone!

Rain Date: 5/10

"HANDS AND FEET"
SERVICE
DAY

Saturday, May 3rd
10:00AM- 2:00PM

**MEET AT CHURCH. BREAK INTO GROUPS TO
HELP AROUND THE CHURCH WITH STAINING,
YARDWORK, MINI PROJECTS, ETC. BREAKFAST
AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**BRING GLOVES
& WATER
BOTTLE!**

SIGN UP BY EMAILING JACKIE@STLUKEDIXHILLS.ORG

**LET US BE THE "HANDS AND FEET" OF
CHRIST IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

** Church Attendance and Offerings **

Attendance week ending 4/20/2025

Maundy Thursday April 17, 2025

7:30 PM: 53

Good Friday April 18, 2025

Family 12:00 PM: 29 – Tenebrae 7:30 PM: 69

Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

7:30 AM: 23 - 9:00 AM: 118 - 11:00 AM: 175

Offerings Received in March 2025

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

ACTUAL March Regular Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$29,263.69

Loose Plate: \$625.00

Total March: \$29,888.69

Regular Budgeted: \$22,000.00

Year to Date (July-March): \$197,394.00

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