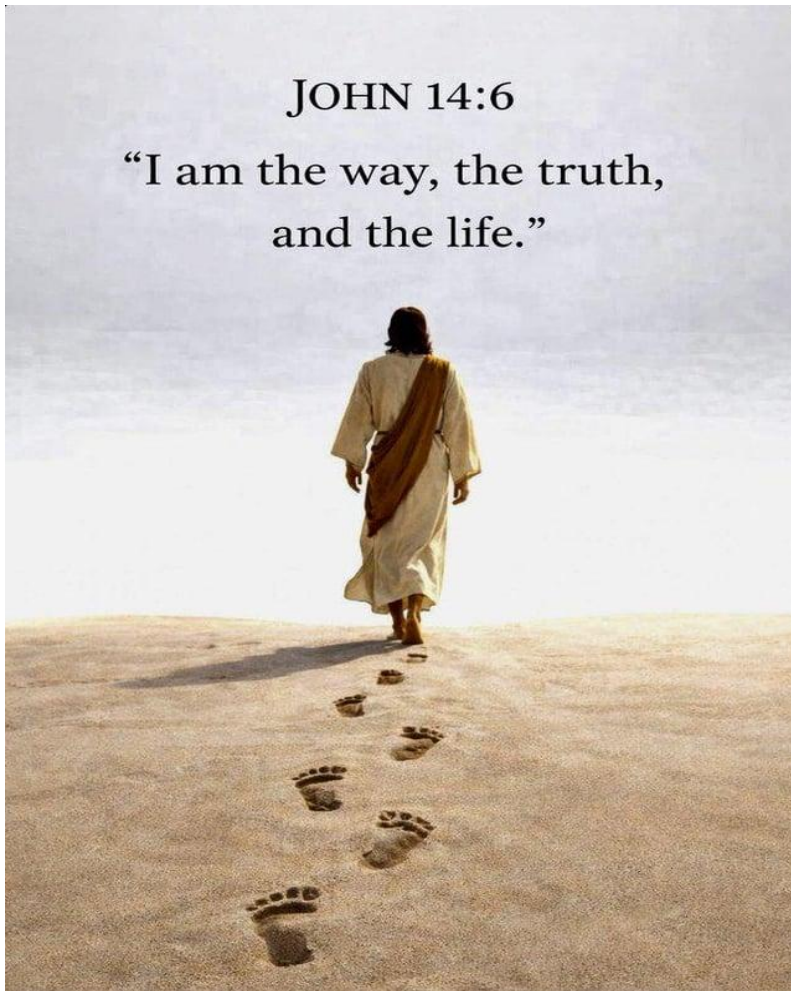


St. Luke Lutheran Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026
10:45 a.m. Contemporary



SERMON
Rev. Arthur Gillespie
"Get Ready, Get Set... Part One"
—John 14:1-14

Welcome to St. Luke Lutheran Church

20 Candlewood Path

Dix Hills, NY 11746-5398

Church: 631-499-8656 - Fax: 631-462-6496

Pastor Johnson (708) 738-2512

Preschool: 631-462-5216

Our Website: www.stlukedixhills.org

Satellite for the Lutheran Counseling Center: 516-741-0994

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 begins March 8th

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.

PASTORAL GREETING

CALL FOR PRAYERS

Stand

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OPENING SONG
Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, Come

One Day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, Come

One Day every tongue will confess you are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are, come

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Pastor: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10
(You are a chosen people)

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and “A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

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

Gospel: John 14:1-14

(I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life)

¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY
We Believe

Verse:

**In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear
There is only One Foundation, we believe we believe
In this broken generation When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation We believe we believe**

Chorus:

**We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again
(We believe)**

Verse:

**So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe**

Chorus:

**We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again**

Bridge:

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now, let love invade
Let the church live love our God will see
We believe, we believe.
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the power of God, has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe, we believe... Chorus

Ending:

He's comin' back again, He's comin' back again
We believe, we believe

SERMON

Rev. Arthur Gillespie
"Get Ready, Get Set... Part One"
—John 14:1-14

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 "In Jesus' Name,"
The response is "**Amen.**"

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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE – LBW p.86

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

Sit

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

Stand

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Sit

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

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.

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.

Your Great Name

Verse 1

Lost are saved find their way
At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great Name

Chorus

Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name

Verse 2

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name

Chorus

**Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name**

Bridge

**Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty
Defender my Savior You are my King
(REPEAT)**

Chorus

**Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name
Your great Name (2X)**

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

Stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Deacon: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
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 \mp give you peace.
People: **Amen.**

Sit

MINISTRY NEWS

Stand

CLOSING SONG Oh For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Verse 1

Oh for a thousand tongues to sing; My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King; The triumphs of His grace

Verse 2

My gracious Master and my God; Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad; The honors of Thy name

Chorus 1

So come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love Jesus

Verse 3

Jesus the name that charms our fears; That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears; 'Tis life and health and peace

Verse 4

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me

Chorus 2

So come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love
There is one great love Jesus (Jesus)

Verse 5

He speaks and list'ning to His voice; New life the dead receive
The mournful broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe

Verse 6

Glory to God and praise; And love be ever ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above; The church in earth and heav'n

Chorus 2

**So come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love
There is one great love Jesus (Jesus)**

Bridge

**There are so few words; That never grow old
There are so few words; That never grow old. Jesus Jesus Jesus**

Chorus 2

**So come on and sing out
Let our anthem grow loud
There is one great love
There is one great love Jesus (Jesus)**

A SENDING WORD

Deacon: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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

Attendance week ending 4/26/2026

Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:15 AM:64 10:45 AM:75

Offerings Received in March 2026

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

March 2026 Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$ 27,922.42

Loose Plate: \$997.00

Celebrations: \$559.00

TOTAL March 2026: \$ 29,478.00

Budgeted \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through March) 2025-2026: \$ 171,856.76

St. Luke Church Council 2026

Ken Wenz	President	kpwenz@gmail.com
Jackie Guidone	Vice-President	Jackies7fromhvn@aol.com
Anna Schwen	Secretary	Aschwen1123@gmail.com
Brenda Lentsch	Treasurer	Treasurer@stlukedixhills.org
Denise Norman	Christian Education	Denisenorman231@gmail.com
Tony Fisher	Property	Afisher1855@gmail.com
Michele Castro	Finance	Michelel25@yahoo.com
Theresa Clark	Evangelism	Teesamarie33@gmail.com
Lori Etienne	Parish Life	lletienne13@gmail.com
Nancy Gossow	Worship	Ngg123@aol.com
Sandi McDermott	Missions/Social Concerns	Sandib.mcder@gmail.com
Trisha Klare	Stewardship	Tsklare402@gmail.com
Rey Rivera	Youth	Reinrivera9@gmail.com

ELAINE BACKMEIER MEMORIAL
CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL

Don't
Miss
it!

Family
Fun
Day!

**ST. LUKE
CARNIVAL**

**SATURDAY - MAY 30TH
11 AM - 3PM**

**FOOD - FUN - GAMES - BALLOON TWISTER -
PETTING ZOO - PONY RIDES - FACE PAINTING -
- MAGICIAN - RAFFLES AND MORE**

**ON ST. LUKE GROUNDS
20 Candlewood Path Dix Hills NY 11746**



Please join us next Sunday on May 10th as we celebrate the Moms of St. Luke.

We are inviting all children to “Worship with Mom.”

Moms, bring your children to worship so they can celebrate you at Worship!

There will be a special Mother’s Day Blessing and your child will present a Mother’s Day Flower to you.