

*St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Alleluia!*

*May 10, 2026  
8:15am & 10:45am*

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**SERMON**

Rev. Arthur Gillespie  
**"Get Ready, Get Set... Part Two"**  
—John 14:15-21

**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 [careteam@stlukedixhills.org](mailto:careteam@stlukedixhills.org) Coordinators: Trish Klare & Amanda Fenty*

**Mission Statement**

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

## PRELUDE

“Bring Many Names” - Diemer

## 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.**

## OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King” LBW 522



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

## STRING ENSEMBLE (10:45)

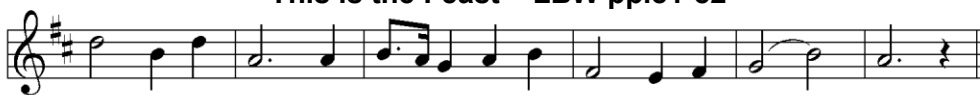
“Rejoice in the Lord Always”

## GREETING

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**People:** **And also with you.**



HYMN OF PRAISE  
This is the Feast – LBW pp.81-82



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



Ⓑ Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo- ple of God. Pow- er and rich - es and wis- dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

### **First Reading: Acts 17:22-31**

(Revealing the "Unknown" God)

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.' <sup>29</sup> "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 66:13-20**

(Prayers answered, love given)

<sup>13</sup> I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
I will pay you my vows,

<sup>14</sup> **those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

<sup>15</sup> I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.  
<sup>16</sup> **Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.**

<sup>17</sup> I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.  
<sup>18</sup> **If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.**

<sup>19</sup> But truly God has listened;  
he has heard the words of my prayer.  
<sup>20</sup> **Blessed be God,  
who has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22**  
("In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord")

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

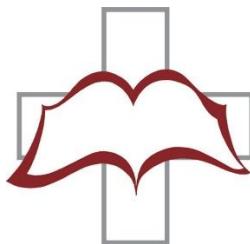
### GOSPEL VERSE– LBW p.83



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### THE GOSPEL

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**People:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**



**Gospel: John 14:15-21**  
(Jesus promises the Holy Spirit)

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

HYMN OF THE DAY  
 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LBW 158 Vs. 1, 2, 3



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

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**CHOIR ANTHEM (8:15)**  
Adult Choir: "Come Follow Me" - Jay Althouse

The kingdom of heaven is near, As you have received, so then must you give.  
Be not afraid with the Lord at your side, for Jesus died – so we may live.

He said come follow me, come follow me, come follow me, come follow me.  
Come by yourselves to a quiet place.  
Come follow me, come follow me, come follow me, come follow me.  
That someday we may see His face.

Those who are weary take rest. Look to Hi for comfort and He will soothe your soul.  
For He is gentle and humble in heart, and Jesus died to make us whole.

He said come follow me, come follow me, come follow me, come follow me.  
Come by yourselves to a quiet place.  
Come follow me, come follow me, come follow me, come follow me.  
That someday we may see His face.

Come follow me, come follow me, come follow me, come follow me.  
That someday we may see His face.

*Stand*

**APOSTLES' CREED – LBW p.85**

**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**  
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.**

**A CELEBRATION OF MOTHERHOOD**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

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**OFFERING**



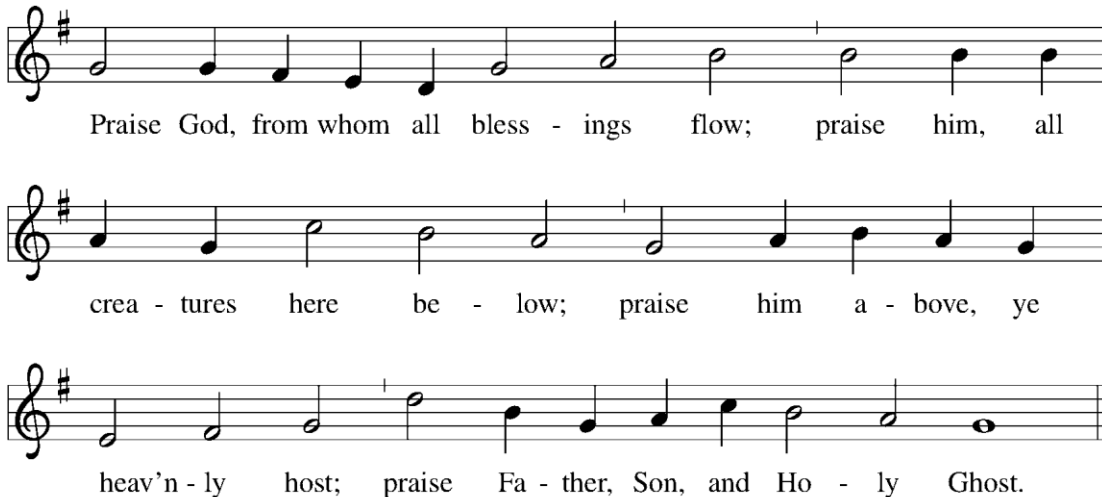
**OFFERTORY**

"When Love Is Found" - Emma Lou Diemer

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## OFFERING PRESENTATION & OFFERING HYMN

### “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” LBW 564



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER – LBW p.88


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.**

### 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 the unending hymn:*


**SANCTUS – LBW p. 89**



**☐** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

**People:** And also with you

*Sit*

**LAMB OF GOD – LBW p.92**




**☐** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a- way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## HOLY COMMUNION



### COMMUNION MUSIC

#### “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” WOV 697



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

## "I Love to Tell the Story" LBW 390



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

### *Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

**“In Christ There Is No East or West” LBW 359**



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

**COMMUNION DISMISSAL – LBW p.92**

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**People:** Amen.

*Stand*

**POST COMMUNION HYMN  
“Thank the Lord...” LBW p. 92-93**



**☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.**



**Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy**



**with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Deacon: Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son  
both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life.  
Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving,  
and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

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

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## CLOSING HYMN

### “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LBW 293



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Cont'd →

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

**DISMISSAL**

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

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

Ricercare: Llanfair - David Briggs

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

**Attendance week ending 5/3/2026**

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

8:15 AM: 58    10:45 AM: 77

**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

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