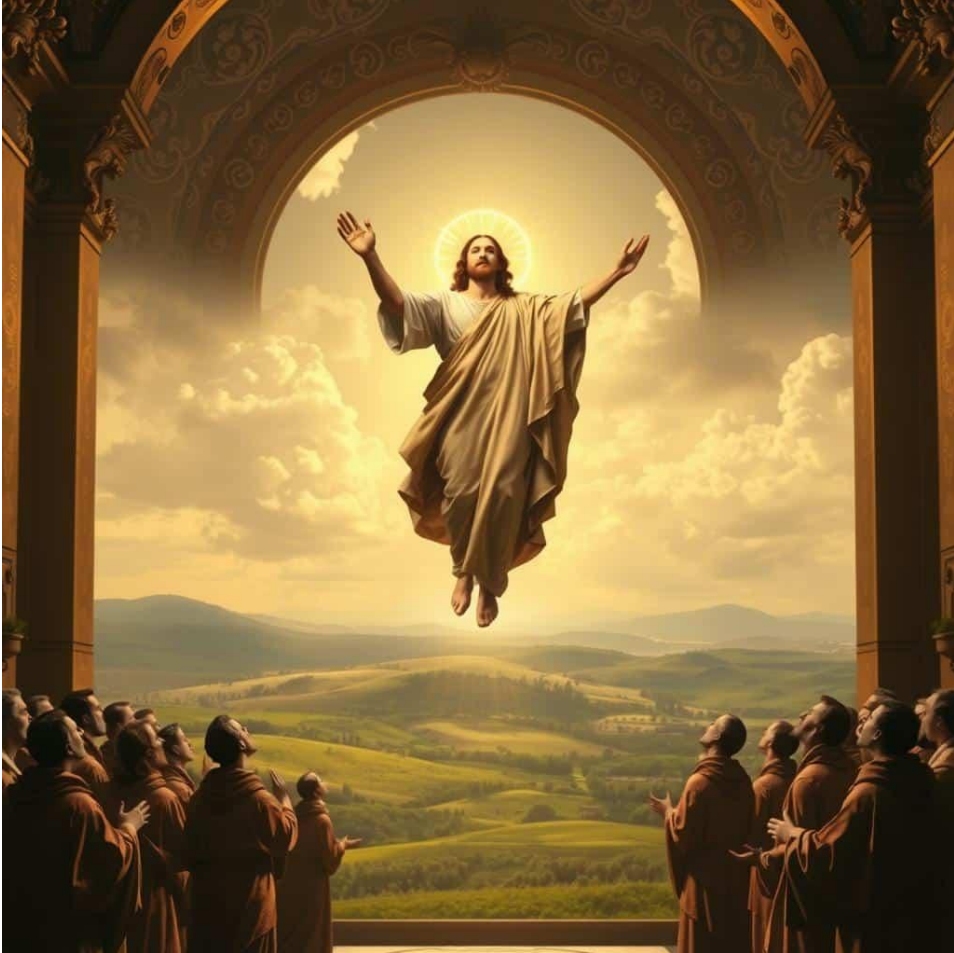


St. Luke Lutheran Church
The Ascension of Our Lord
May 17, 2026
8:15am



SERMON

Rev. Arthur Gillespie
"Come, Sit a Spell"
Hebrews 1:1-3

Welcome to
St. Luke Lutheran Church
20 Candlewood Path
Dix Hills, NY 11746-5398
Church: 631-499-8656 - Fax: 631-462-6496
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 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.

PRELUDE

Offertoire pour la fete del'Ascension - Dubois

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

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” LBW 157 vs. 1-3 & 7



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of
3 To whom . . . shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and gaze up -
4 “You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals



world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
on the sky?” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
of the sky.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, as - cends un - to
And with his faith - ful fol - l’wers see their Lord as - cend
“This is the Sav - ior!” thus they say, “this is his glo -
“Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see re - turn - ing in



the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
rious tri - umph day!” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
great maj - es - ty.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



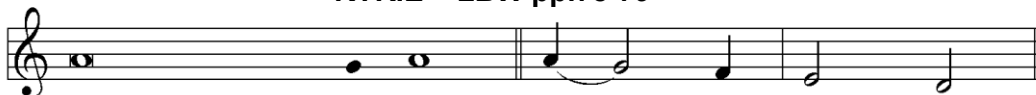
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

7 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

KYRIE – LBW pp.78-79



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



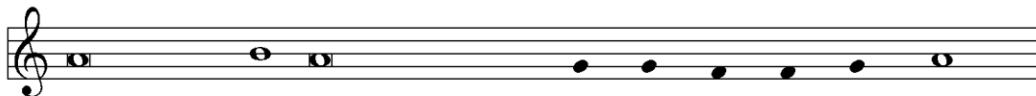
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

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.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

(The Ascension of Our Lord)

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

("Highly exalted")

¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a joyful sound.

² **For the LORD Most High is to be feared:
a great king over all the earth,**

³ who subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet;

⁴ **who chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

⁶ **Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

⁷ For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with a song.

⁸ **God reigns over the nations;
God is enthroned on high.**

⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-3
(Sat down at the right hand of God)

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

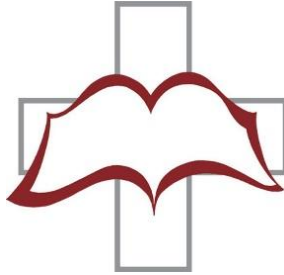
GOSPEL VERSE— LBW p.83



THE GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

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



Gospel: Luke 24:44-53
(The Ascension of Our Lord)

⁴⁴ [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise” Lutheran (Red) Hymnal 213

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise **213**

Acts 1: 9 7. 7. 7. 7. Orientis partibus
Charles Wesley, 1739, cento, alt. *French melody, c. 1200, ad.*



1 Hail the day that sees Him rise To His throne a - bove the skies!
 2 There the glo-rious tri-umph waits: Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates.
 3 See, the heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Yet He loves the earth He leaves;
 4 See, He lifts His hands a - bove; See, He shows the prints of love.



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Re - as - cends His na - tive heav'n.
 He hath conquered death and sin; Take the King of Glo - ry in!
 Though re - turn - ing to His throne, Still He calls man - kind His own.
 Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow Bless - ings on His Church be - low. A - men.

5 Still for us He intercedes;
 His prevalling death He pleads,
 Near Himself prepares our place,
 Harbinger of human race.

6 There we shall with Thee remain
 Partners of Thy endless reign,
 There Thy face unclouded see,
 Find our heaven of heavens in Thee.

SERMON

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 Hebrews 1:1-3

Invitation, The "After," The "Where" and the "Why," Enjoy.

CHOIR ANTHEM (8:15)

Adult Choir & Handbells: “God is Gone Up with a Merry Noise” by John Leavitt

Come let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne;
 Ten thousand, thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.

“Worthy the Lamb that died”, they cry, “to be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb” our lips reply, “for He was slain for us!”

God is gone up with a merry noise, Alleluia, allelu!
God is gone up with a merry noise, Alleluia, allelu!
Lift your voices, sing him praises, God is King o’er all the earth!

Sing praises unto our God, sing praises to our King!
Sing praises unto our God, sing praises to our King!
O clap your hands together, Shout unto God, you people,
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

Jesus is worthy to receive, honor and pow’r divine;
May blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, forever thine.

The whole creation joins in one to bless the sacred name
Of him who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.

God is gone up with a merry noise, Alleluia, allelu!
God is gone up with a merry noise, Alleluia, allelu!
Lift your voices, sing him praises, God is King o’er all the earth!

God is gone up with a merry noise! God is gone up with a merry noise! allelu!
Lift your voices, sing him praises, God is King, God is King,
God is King o’er all the earth! Hallelu!

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.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" - Flor Peeters

Stand

OFFERING PRESENTATION & OFFERING HYMN

"We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB 781, V.1

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

OFFERTORY PRAYER – LBW p.88

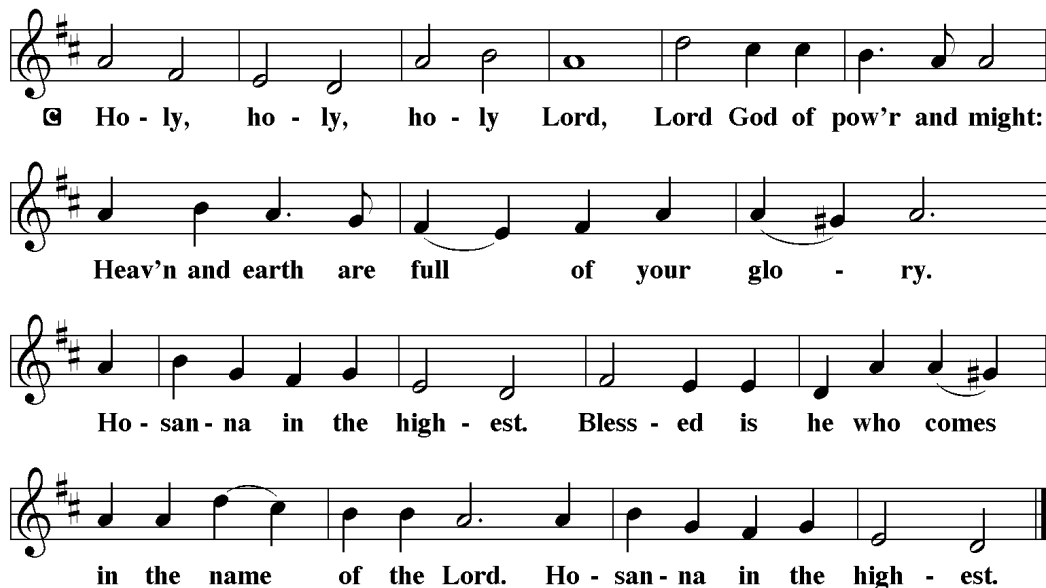
Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed are you,
People: **O Lord our God, maker of all things,
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.
With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives
to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of
him who gave himself 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;

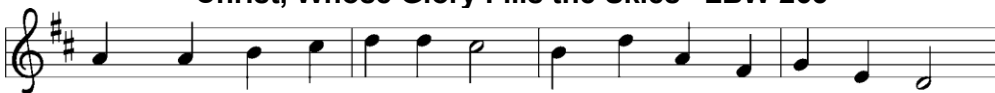


grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION MUSIC
“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” LBW 265



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” LBW 479



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

“O God Beyond All Praising” WOV 797

1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessing without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrow be fill'd with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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

Stand

CLOSING HYMN

“To God Be the Glory” – LUYH 44



1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done;
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,




so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
to ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
the vil - est of - fend - er by grace may be - lieve,
but pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

Cont'd →




and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceive.
our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.


Refrain




Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the Son,



and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

“Give to God Praise” arr. David Dahl

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

Attendance week ending 5/10/2026

Sunday, May 10, 2026

8:15 AM: 42 10:45 AM: 71

Offerings Received in April 2026

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

April 2026 Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$14,993.02

Loose Plate: \$646.00

Celebrations: \$6,311.00

TOTAL March 2026: \$21,950.02

Budgeted \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through April) 2025-2026: \$193,806.78

St. Luke Church Council 2026

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Carnival

Choose your baskets at Preview & leave more time for fun with your kids!

Parents are invited to come and preview the Carnival Raffle Baskets in the church During all drop off and dismissal times on Thursday & Friday.

Enter at Church Main Entrance Double Doors

Raffle Basket

Preview Days

Thursday-Friday

May 28 & 29

9:15 am - 11:00 am

12:15 pm - 3:30 pm

PLUS A BONUS PREVIEW THURSDAY NIGHT
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm