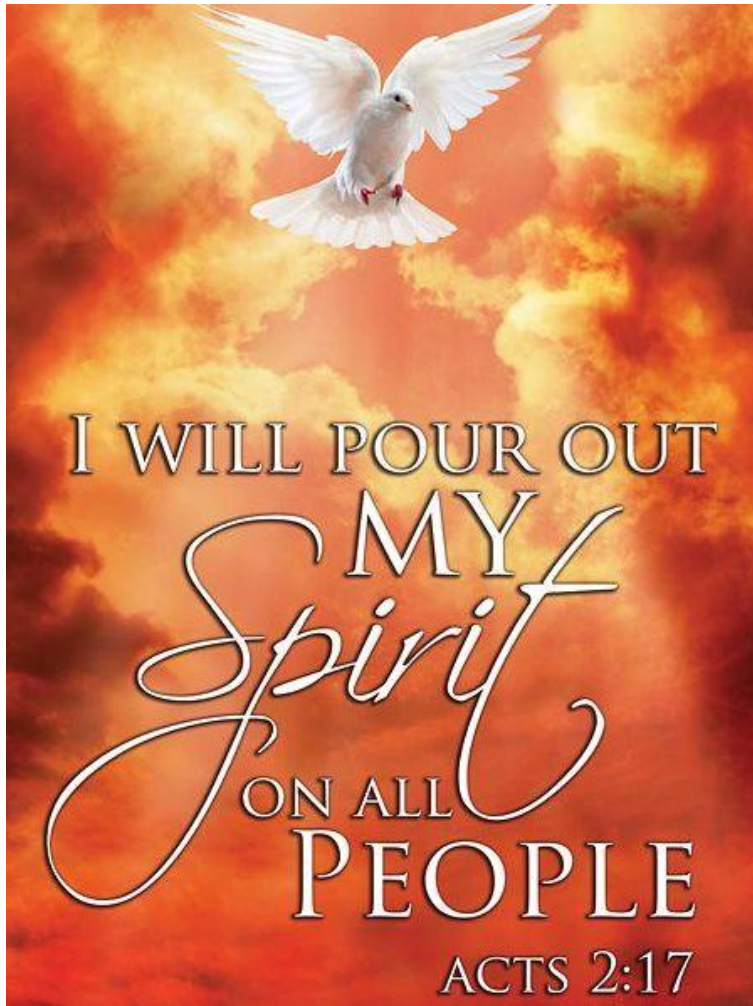


St. Luke Lutheran Church

Pentecost

May 24, 2026

8:15am & 10:45



SERMON

Rev. Arthur Gillespie

"What Really Happened at Pentecost"

Acts 2:1-21

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

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

One Service Sundays at 9:30 AM begins June 7th

Weekday Thursdays at 7:30 PM begins June 25th

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Sunday morning Bible Study is on pause

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

O Festive Day – Dan Locklair

PASTORAL GREETING

CALL FOR PRAYERS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Handbell Choir (10:45)

Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven- Hart Morris

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

“Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling” LBW 523



- 1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
- 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
- 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;



Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul



liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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
Glory to God... LBW p.79-80



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, on this day You revealed the ministry of the Holy Spirit not only to give faith in Jesus, but also to give the power to be living witnesses for Jesus. Give us Your Holy Spirit in Jesus' Name, who lives and reigns with You, Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

People: Amen.

Sit

Reading: Acts 2:1-21, 38-41

(The power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through the disciples)

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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 7th chapter.
 People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 7:37-39

(Believers yet to receive Holy Spirit power)

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid" LBW 164



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid the world's foun - da - tions
2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, the Fa - ther's prom - ised
3 Plen - teous of grace, de - scend from high, rich in thy sev'n - fold
4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame, at - tend the al - might - y



first were laid, come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; come,
Par - a - clete, thrice ho - ly fount, thrice ho - ly fire, our
en - er - gy; make us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive and
Fa - ther's name; the Sav - ior Son be glo - ri - fied, who



pour thy joys on hu - man - kind; from sin and sor - row set us
hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; come, and thy sa - cred unc - tion
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; give us thy - self, that we may
for lost man's re - demp - tion died; and e - qual ad - o - ra - tion



free, and make thy tem - ples fit for thee.
bring to sanc - ti - fy us while we sing.
see the Fa - ther and the Son by thee.
be, e - ter - nal Par - a - clete, to thee.

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CHOIR ANTHEM (8:15)

Adult Choir: "Spirit of Joy" Joseph Martin

Spirit of joy, spirit of worship, move throughout Your church today.
Spirit of hope, Spirit of freedom, show us now Your truth and Your way.

Spirit of joy, spirit of worship, move throughout Your church today.
Spirit of hope, Spirit of freedom, show us now Your truth and Your way.

Come pour into us like rushing water; blow through us like a mighty wind.
Burn in us like a blazing fire, breathe in us a life that never ends.

Spirit of love, spirit of wonder, fill our hearts with endless praise.
Spirit of peace, Spirit of promise, teach us now the way of Your grace.

Spirit come and dwell within us, make this church a welcome place.
Spirit come and shine among us, gather us in one embrace.

Though we speak with many voices, by Your power we are one.
The music of the heart rejoices, the song of life has just begun!

Spirit of joy, spirit of worship, move throughout Your church today.
Spirit of hope, Spirit of freedom, show us now Your truth and Your way.

Spirit of love, spirit of wonder, fill our hearts with endless praise.
Spirit of peace, Spirit of promise, teach us now the way of Your grace.

Spirit of joy, fill our hearts with endless praise!

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

"Come Down, O Love Divine" - Richard Popplewell

Stand

OFFERING PRESENTATION & OFFERING HYMN

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” LSB 806

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say “I am
strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,” _____ Be - cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am
rich,” _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

OFFERTORY PRAYER – LBW p.88

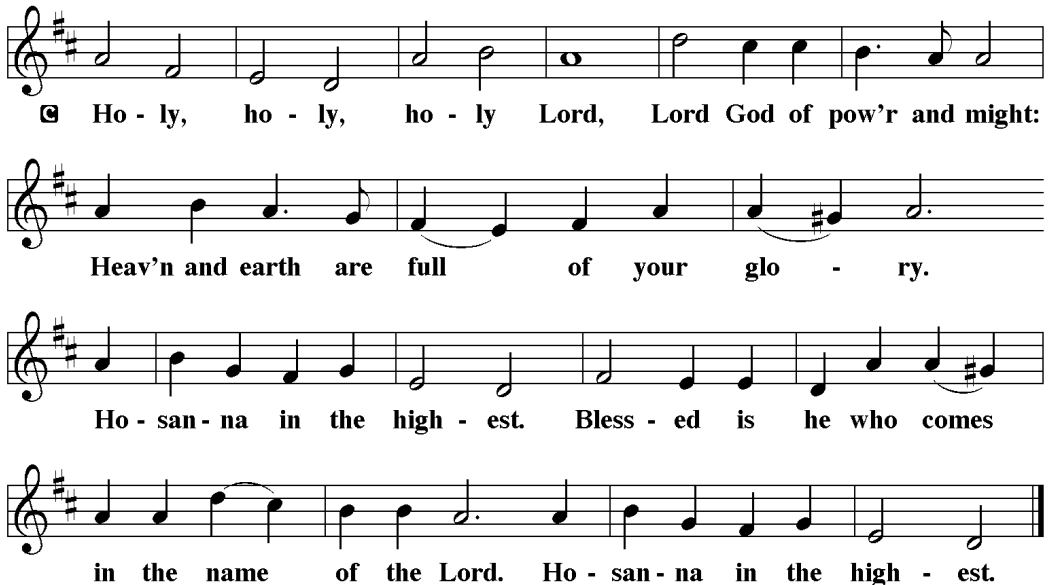
Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed are you,
People: **O Lord our God, maker of all things,
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.
With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives
to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of
him who gave himself 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
“One Bread, One Body” WOV 710



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew,	ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts,	man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields,	scat - tered and grown,



wom - an or man,	no more.
one in the Lord	of all.
gath - ered to one	for all.

Refrain

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” LBW 256



1 Ho - ly Spir - it,	truth di - vine,	dawn up - on this	soul of mine;
2 Ho - ly Spir - it,	love di - vine,	glow with - in this	heart of mine;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it,	pow'r di - vine,	for - ti - fy this	will of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it,	peace di - vine,	still this rest - less	heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it,	right di - vine,	king with - in my	con - science reign;



word of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
 kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
 by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
 speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
 be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

"Spirit of the Living God"

Eb Fm C Fm Eb Cm Bb Eb

1 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;
 2 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;

Bb Eb Ab Bb Eb

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
 make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love;

Ab Eb F7 Bb

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
 hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing.

Eb Fm C Fm Eb Cm Bb Eb

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.
 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love.

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

“We All Are One in Mission” WOV 755



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called to ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

“Come Holy Ghost” Charles Ore

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

Attendance week ending 5/17/2026

Sunday, May 17, 2026

8:15 AM: 53 10:45 AM: 53

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

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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