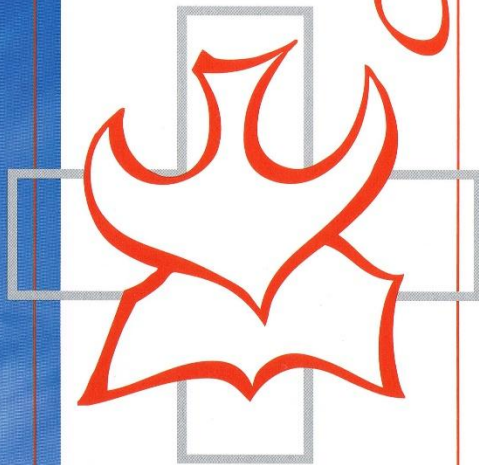


*St. Luke Lutheran Church*  
*Rite of Confirmation*  
*May 31, 2026*  
*10:45am*

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*Confirmation*

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

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

One Service Sundays at 9:30 AM begins June 7<sup>th</sup>

Weekday Thursdays at 7:30 PM begins June 25<sup>th</sup>

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

**Mission Statement**

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

## PRELUDE

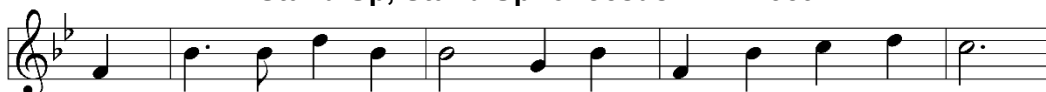
Theme and Variations on "Le Ping" - Michael Bedford

- I. The First Rays of Sun - II. The Birds Greet the Daylight - III. Sunlight on the Lake
- IV. The Woodland Creatures Frolic - V. The Breeze Comes to Life
- VI. All Creation Praises God for the New Day

## WELCOME

### PROCESSION

#### "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LBW 389



- 1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, as sol - diers of the cross,
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner; it must not suf - fer loss.  
stand forth in might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.  
the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.  
this day the din of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,  
Let all his faith - ful serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor; each piece put on with prayer.  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, their crown of life shall see,



till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.  
let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.  
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.  
and with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of God, the Father.

People: **"For God so loved the world..."**

Pastor: In the Name of God, the Son, Jesus Christ.

People: **"that He gave His only Son..."**

Pastor: In the Name of God, the Holy Spirit.

People: **"that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."**

Pastor: "For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world..."

People: **"but to save the world through Him."**

(John 3: 16-17)

## PRAYER FOR THE DAY

People: **Amen.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

**Song**

**Recognitions**

**Prayer**

**Positive Change**

**Dismissal**

## GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

**OFFERTORY**

"You Are Mine" - Matthew Corl

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

### “Take My Life that I May Be” LBW 406 vv.1, 5, 6



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

## CONFESSION of SINS and WORD of FORGIVENESS

(A word to the Confirmands)

"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." (1 John 1:8-9)

## APOSTLES' CREED

(A word to the Confirmands)

**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.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

(A word to the Confirmands)

**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.**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

"Write Upon My Heart"

words by Jospheh M. Martin music by David Angerman

Write upon my heart, Lord Jesus. Inscribe your name upon my life.  
Start in me a sacred work. Make my life an open book.  
Let others know your truth through me.

Fill my life with praise, Lord Jesus. Let your music echo through my soul.  
Make in me a living song. Let it sound for you alone.  
Let others share your love through me.

Renew me, Lord, with your spirit. Plant in me the word of truth.  
Let me reflect your love and grace until I see you face to face.  
Let me share your love in all I do!

Paint upon my life, Lord Jesus. Sculpt me as a potter works the clay.  
Make in me your work of art, a reflection of your heart.  
Let others see your love in me.

Let others know your truth, Lord Jesus. Let others hear your voice, Lord Jesus  
Let others see your love in me.

## **WORD OF GOD**

"And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live unto themselves, but for Him who died for them and was raised again." (2 Corinthians 5:15)  
Pastor Arthur Gillespie

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:10)  
Deacon Tom Lamendola

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)  
Jackie Flynn

## THE CONFIRMANDS VIDEO OF FAITH

### THE BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMANDS

Logan Justin Gillespie  
Noelle Marie Hellmann  
Liana Avery VanVynck  
Mason William VanVynck  
Luke Thomas Wenger

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### PREPARATION HYMN

"Just as I Am Without One Plea" LBW 296



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict, man - y\_a doubt,  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,



and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
yea, all I need in thee to find,

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### INVITATION

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

People: **And also with you**

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

(Continuous line at the direction of the Ushers)

## ORGAN SELECTIONS

**“Eat this Bread” – arr. Anne Krentz**

**“Bread of Life” – arr. Lynn Trapp**

**“I Think When I Read that Sweet Story of Old” – Emma Lou Diemer**

**“You Are the Way” (Dundee) – Stephen Gabrielsen**

## THE COMMUNION DISMISSAL

Pastor: May this precious body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith until life everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

## PASTORAL PRAYER

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rest upon you.

People: **Amen.**

**RECESSION HYMN**  
**“Lift High the Cross” LBW 377 V. 1, 4, 5**

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

*Refrain*

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
 Bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 As thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.

5 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

## **DISMISSAL**

Deacon: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Tell What Christ's Love Has Done” - Pelz arr. Brenda Portman

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

**Attendance week ending 5/24/2026**

**Sunday, May 24, 2026** (Memorial Day Weekend)

8:15 AM:40 10:45 AM:49

**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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