

*St. Luke Lutheran Church*  
*Rite of Confirmation*  
*June 8, 2025*  
*10:45 am*

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Sermon: Pastor Johnson  
***Abba! Father!***  
—Romans 8:14-17

**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 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.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Begins 6/15/2025**

<b>Traditional Worship with Holy Communion</b>	
One service on Sunday mornings at 9:30am	
<b>Begins 6/18/2025 - Outdoor Contemporary with Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Wednesday Evenings at 6:30pm</b>	
(Bring a lawn chair or blanket)	
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	
Sundays at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Wednesdays at 10am Online

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

Komm, Heiliger Geist - J. S. Bach

## PASTORAL GREETING

### INTROIT: Handbell Choir

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” - Sandra Eithun

## 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**  
**“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”– WOV 752**  
*Here I Am, Lord*



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky,	I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain,	I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame,	I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin	my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them.	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them.	My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night,	I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone,	give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide	till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them?	Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them.	Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them.	Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **and also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place.

<sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem.

<sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

<sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> 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.

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

<sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> '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.

- <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.
- <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

**ANTHEM: ADULT CHOIR**  
"Fresh Winds of the Spirit" - David Davenport

**Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17**

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

**ALLEUIA AND VERSE**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

**GOSPEL: John 14:8-17**

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> 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’? <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<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.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Johnson

***Abba! Father!***  
***—Romans 8:14-17***



# Rite of Confirmation

<u><b>Confirmand</b></u>	<u><b>Scripture Text</b></u>	<u><b>Sponsor</b></u>
<i>Trevor Scott Donley</i>	<i>Psalm 27:1</i>	<i>Steven Portela</i>
<i>Robert Matthew Farnworth</i>	<i>Proverbs 3:5-6</i>	<i>Christopher Wenz</i>
<i>Leah Carolyn Lochridge</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 6:5</i>	<i>Martina VanVynck</i>
<i>Jonathan David Mandel</i>	<i>Isaiah 41:10</i>	<i>Charlie Mock</i>
<i>Dean William Pluschau</i>	<i>Jeremiah 29:11</i>	<i>Tom Lamendola</i>
<i>Riley Anne Smith</i>	<i>John 13:34</i>	<i>Joseph Garcia</i>
<i>Ava Dianne Spardel</i>	<i>Colossians 3:17</i>	<i>Paul Rafuse</i>
<i>Ryan Matthew Wardrop</i>	<i>1 Samuel 12:24</i>	<i>Michael Smith</i>
<i>Anna Margaret Wenger</i>	<i>Deuteronomy 31:6</i>	<i>Kirsten Bond</i>

*As the Rite of Confirmation concludes, we welcome the confirmands into membership.*

**Pastor:** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We receive you as members of St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church and as brothers and sisters in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts and proclaim the praises of Him who call us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**People:** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

## **CONFIRMANDS STATEMENT OF FAITH VIDEO**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Each petition ends with "Hear us, O God,"  
The response is "**Your mercy is great.**"

**Pastor:** We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**People:** **Amen.**



## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Please do so with a wave, handshake, or however you feel comfortable.*

*Hand sanitizer is available in the sanctuary.*

*Ask an usher if you don't see one.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

"Holy Ghost, with Light Divine" - Healey Willan

### OFFERING HYMN

**"We Give Thee But Thine Own" – LSB 781 vs.1**



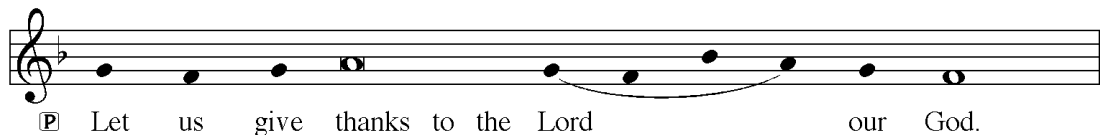
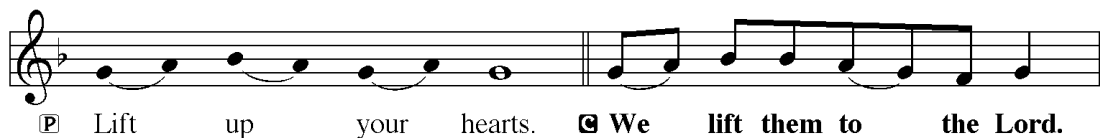
1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

## 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.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



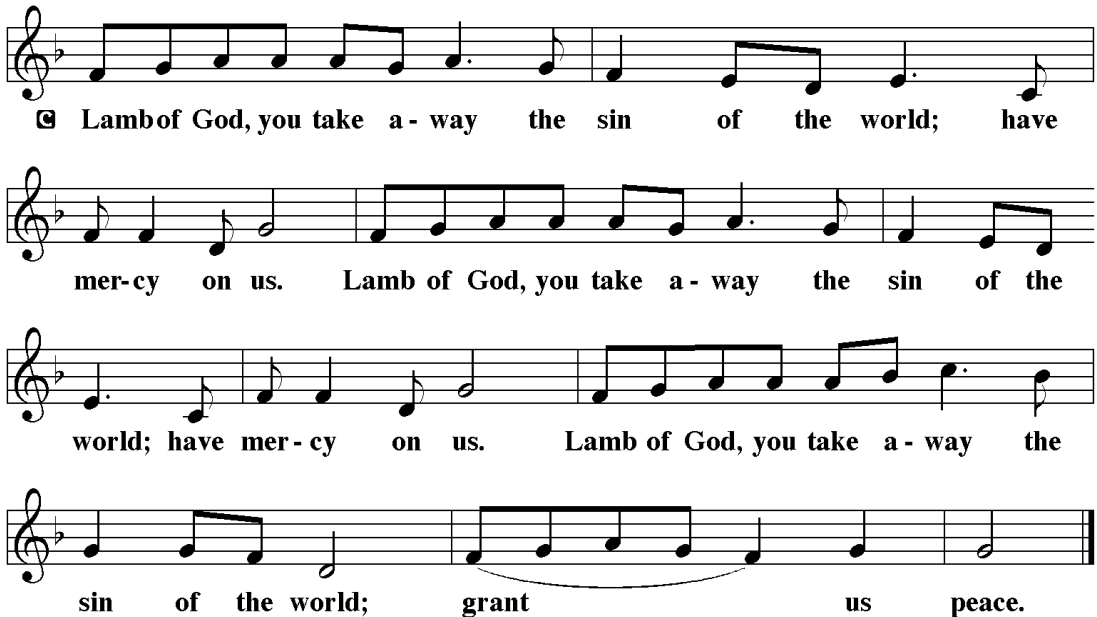
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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.**

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

## LAMB OF GOD



## HOLY COMMUNION



# COMMUNION MUSIC

## "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine LBW 257



- 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.

## "Baptized in Water" - WOV 693



- 1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
- 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
- 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

## “For the Beauty of the Earth” - LBW 561



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For your - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly giv'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 a - gent of God's grand de - sign, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



*Refrain*  
 Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*Stand*

## POST COMMUNION HYMN



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



**Let all who seek 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, pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## 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.**

## MINISTRY NEWS



# CLOSING HYMN

## "Go My Children with My Blessing" – WOV 721



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
- 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

## A SENDING WORD

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**People:** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
 Deacon: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"Komm, Heiliger Geist" - Buxtehude

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