

St. Luke Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026
9:30 a.m.

His eye is on the
sparrow and I know
He watches over me.

-Matthew 10:31



Sermon
Rev. David Wackenhuth
"Fear.....Less"

**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 returns in September

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Sundays: Traditional w/ Holy Communion at 9:30am Thursdays: Traditional w/ Holy Communion at 7:30 PM begins June 25 th

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Bible Studies are on pause

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.

ABOUT TODAY

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

PRELUDE

Diptych for Organ I Prayer II. Paeon - Brenda Portman

PASTORAL GREETING

CALL FOR PRAYERS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Handbell Choir

All Things Bright and Beautiful - Jason Krug

Stand

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God,

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Compassionate God,

People: **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy,
and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” WOV 771



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

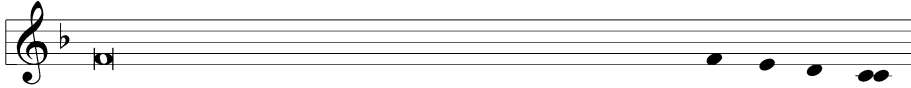
GREETING

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

LSB 204



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, in Jesus Name,

People: Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

(I must speak God's Word, though I am mocked for it)

- ⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.
- ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.
- ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.
- ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
- ¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.
- ¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
- ¹³ Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:1-16

(God will deliver from snares, pestilence, and evil)

- ¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
² **will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**
- ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;
⁴ **he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense.**

⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day
⁶ **or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

⁸ **You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.**

⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,
¹⁰ **no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

¹² **On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴ **Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

(Having been delivered from slavery to sin, now be slaves to righteousness.)

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires.

¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to

even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE– LSB p. 205



The musical score consists of four staves of music in treble clef with a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is a repeat sign, followed by the second staff which begins with a common time signature. The third and fourth staves are also repeat signs.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:5, 21-33

(Jesus instructs disciples before their mission)

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town.

²¹ Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name.

But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

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

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY
“O Master, Let Me Walk with You” LBW 492



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

SERMON
Rev. David Wackenhuth
“Fear.....Less”

ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM
“Down to the River to Pray” - Mary McDonald

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

Each petition ends with “God of grace,”
The response is “**hear our prayer.**”

Pastor: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and
unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.
People: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” - Matthew Corl

Stand

OFFERING PRESENTATION & OFFERING HYMN

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,
People: **we humbly offer to you the gifts of our treasures, talents, and time. Use them to your glory, and for the benefit of all your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING – LBW 88

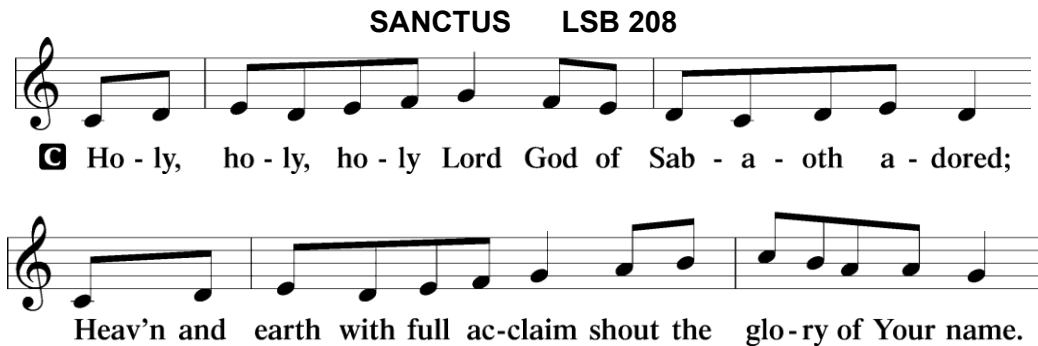
Pastor The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

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.**

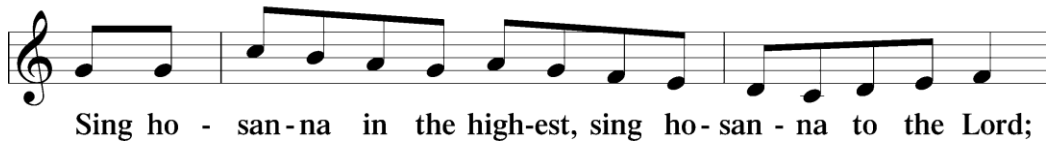
It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS LSB 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

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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.

Sit

LAMB OF GOD / AGNUS DEI *LSB 210*

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

HOLY COMMUNION



COMMUNION MUSIC

“You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord” (On Eagles Wings) WOV 779



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: “My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!”

Refrain
All



And I will raise you up on ea-gle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.



2 Snares of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God’s wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 For to the an-gels God’s giv-en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

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Final refrain

All



And I will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LBW 104



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

“Children of the Heavenly Father” LBW 474



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Stand

POST COMMUNION HYMN Nunc Dimittis – LSB p.211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

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to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER – LSB p.212

Deacon: Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son, and for assuring us that we are living members and heirs of your eternal kingdom. Send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses, through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

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 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” LBW 229



- 1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
- 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
- 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

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to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap-ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

A SENDING WORD

Deacon: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - Emma Lou Diemer

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

Attendance week ending 6/14/2026

Sunday, June 14, 2026

9:30 AM:

Offerings Received in May 2026

(total monthly offerings includes online giving)

May 2026 Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$13880.70

Loose Plate: \$240.11

Celebrations \$5.00

TOTAL May 2026: \$14,125.81

Budgeted: \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through May) 2025-2026: \$207,932.59

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