

St. Luke Lutheran Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

10:45 a.m. Contemporary



SERMON

Pastor Brian Crocitto

Welcome to
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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.

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.

PRE-SERVICE
“Here I Am to Worship”

PASTORAL GREETING

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Deacon Tom Lamendola

OPENING SONG **Lord Reign in Me**

Verse 1:

Over all the earth, you reign on High.
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord my only aim,
Is that you reign in me again.

Chorus:

Lord reign in me,
reign in your power,
over all my dreams,
in my darkest hour.
You are the Lord of all I am,
Won't you reign in me again.

Verse 2:

Over every thought, over every word.
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord,
You mean more to me than any earthly thing.
So won't you reign in me again....

Chorus (2x)

OPENING PRAYER

READING: Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

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SERMON SONG
Lord I Need You

Verse 1

Lord, I come, I confess,
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without you I fall apart,
You're the one
That guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need you, oh I need you
Every hour I need you
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need you

Verse 2

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found, is where you are
And where you are, Lord I am free,
Holiness is Christ in me... Chorus

Bridge

Teach my song to rise to you,
when temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you,
Jesus, you're my hope and stay

Chorus

Lord, I need you, oh I need you
Every hour I need you
My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need you

My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need you

My one defense, my righteousness,
Oh God, how I need you (soft)

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

*Or, to the dead.
**meaning, universal

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with "God of grace,"
The response is "**receive our prayer.**"

Pastor: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and
mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 SONG
One Thing Remains

[Verse 1]

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains

[Chorus]

Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love.

[Verse 2]

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains

[Chorus]

Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love.

[Bridge]

In death, In life, I'm confident and
covered by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can
separate my heart from Your great love

[Chorus-2x]

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

I Can Only Imagine

Verse 1

I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes will see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine

Chorus

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel
Will I dance for You Jesus
Or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine (yeah)
I can only imagine

Verse 2

I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever forever worship You
I can only imagine I can only imagine

Chorus (2X)

Ending

I can only imagine when all I will do
Is forever forever worship You
I can only imagine

Your Great Name

Verse 1

Lost are saved find their way
At the sound of Your great Name
All condemned feel no shame
At the sound of Your great Name
Ev'ry fear has no place
At the sound of Your great Name
The enemy he has to leave
At the sound of Your great Name

Chorus

Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name

Verse 2

All the weak find their strength
At the sound of Your great Name
Hungry souls receive grace
At the sound of Your great Name
The fatherless find their rest
At the sound of Your great Name
The sick are healed the dead are raised
At the sound of Your great Name

Chorus

Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name

Bridge 1

Redeemer my Healer Lord Almighty
Defender my Savior You are my King
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Jesus worthy is the Lamb that was slain for us
The Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
And all the world will praise
Your great Name
Your great Name

BLESSING

MINISTRY NEWS

CLOSING SONG

Happy Together (A Christian Remix)

Verse 1

Imagine me and You, I do
I think about my faith at night, it's only right
To think about the God I love, and pray at night
So happy together
If I should read scripture, invest the time
And learn about the Trinity, expand my mind
Imagine how my heart would be, so very kind
So happy together

Chorus

I can't see me lovin' nobody but You, for all my life
You cre- a-ted all of the skies so blue for all my life

Verse 2

Me and You, and You and me

**No matter when I'm mean and sin, You forgive me,
The only way is through Your son, He paid our fee,
So happy together.**

Chorus

**I can't see me lovin' nobody but You, for all my life
You cre- a- ted all of the skies so blue for all my life**

Verse 2

Me and You, and You and me

**No matter when I'm mean and sin, You forgive me,
The only way is through Your son, He paid our fee,
So happy together.**

[Bridge]

Baaa baaa bababa bababa baa, ba ba ba baaa

Baaa baba bababa bababa baa, ba ba ba baaaaaaaaa

Interlude-Verse 2

Me and You, and You and me

**No matter when I'm mean and sin, You forgive me,
The only way is through Your son, He paid our fee,
So happy together.**

Outro

So happy together, oo oo oo oo

Created the weather (ba ba ba ba)

So happy together, (ba ba ba ba)

We're happy together, (ba ba ba ba)

So happy together, (ba ba ba ba)

Happy together, (ba ba ba ba)

So happy together, (ba ba ba ba)

So happy togetherrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr

A SENDING WORD

Deacon: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

People: Thanks be to God.