St. Luke Lutheran Church 2nd Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025 8:15a.m. I, 10:45a.m.



SERMON
Pastor Johnson
The wolf and the lamb

-lsaiah 11:1-10

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.mn

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

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.

PRELUDE

Variations on Puer Nobis - Michael Burkhardt

PASTORAL GREETING

INTROIT: HANDBELL CHOIR (10:45)

Wake, Awake - Anna Laura Page

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(spoken in unison)

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.



Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah WOV 630 – V.2





OPENING HYMN "Prepare the Royal Highway" LBW 26



- 1 Pre pare the roy al high way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo ple, see him com ing: your own e ter nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o pen to greet your prom-ised king!
- 4 His is no earth ly king dom; it comes from heav'n a bove.



ev - 'ry hill and val - ley lev - el Let a road ap pear! Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing! Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring. His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry: God's prom-ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you! All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing: So let your praise be sound-ing for kind-ness so a - bound - ing:



SUNDAY SCHOOL SONGS

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL

Stand

"Prepare the Royal Highway" LBW 26 v.1

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 - LBW pp.78-79



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: and also with you.

Pastor: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his

coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

2 that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

- ⁴ Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- ⁶ Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- ¹⁸ Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!
- ¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM: ADULT CHOIR (8:15)
"Prepare the Way of the Lord" - William Rowan

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name";

¹⁰ and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people";

¹¹ and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLEUIA AND VERSE LBW p.83



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

make his paths straight."

¹² and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope."

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

[&]quot;The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

^{&#}x27;Prepare the way of the Lord;

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise

up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

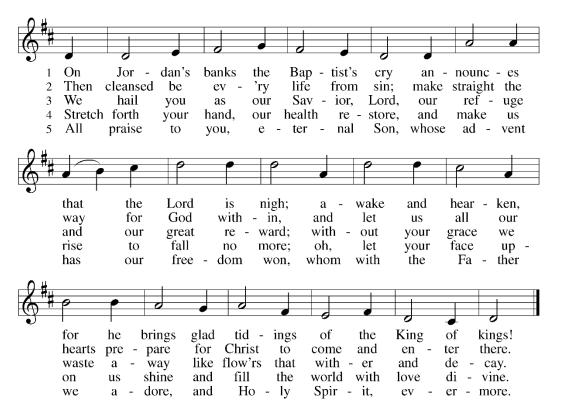
Pastor Johnson

The wolf and the lamb

—Isaiah 11:1-10

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" LBW 36



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 "Hear our prayer."

Pastor: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in

your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

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.

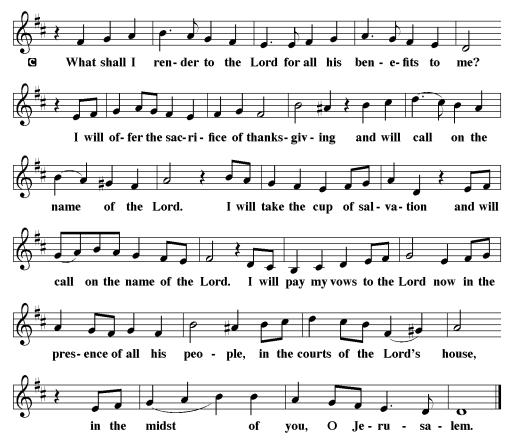
Sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Growing" - Brahms

OFFERTORY HYMN LBW p.87



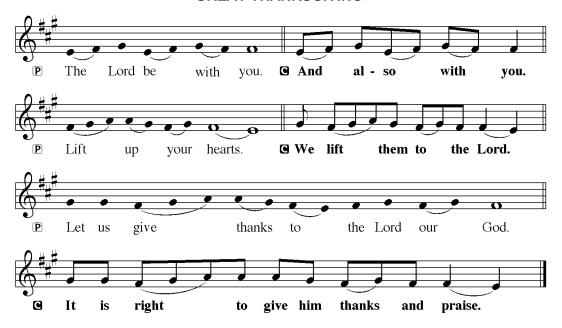
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

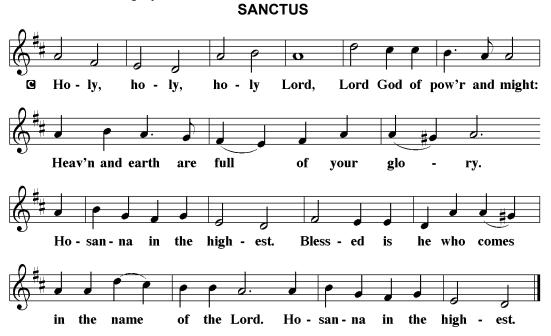
People: O Lord our God, maker of all things,

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:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION p.89 #32

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,

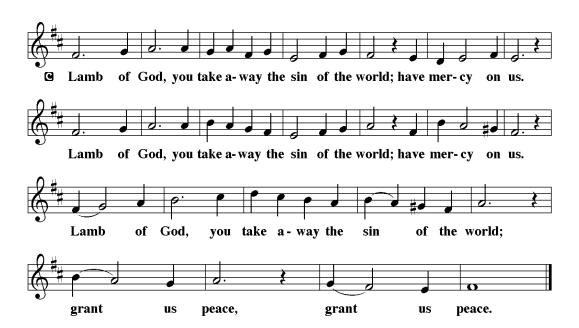
forever and ever. Amen.

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

People: And also with you.

Sit

LAMB OF GOD



HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" LBW 30



- 1 Come, thou long-ex pect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy peo-ple free; 2 Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king;

from our fears and sins re-lease us; let us find our rest in thee. born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art, By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



"What Hope! An Eden Prophesied" LSB 342



- 1 What hope! An E den proph-e sied Where tame live with the wild;
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes se's stem, A branch from Da-vid's line,
- 3 As ban-ner of God's love un-furled, Christ came to suf-fer loss,
- 4 Come, Je sus, come, Mes si ah Lord, Lost Par a dise re store;

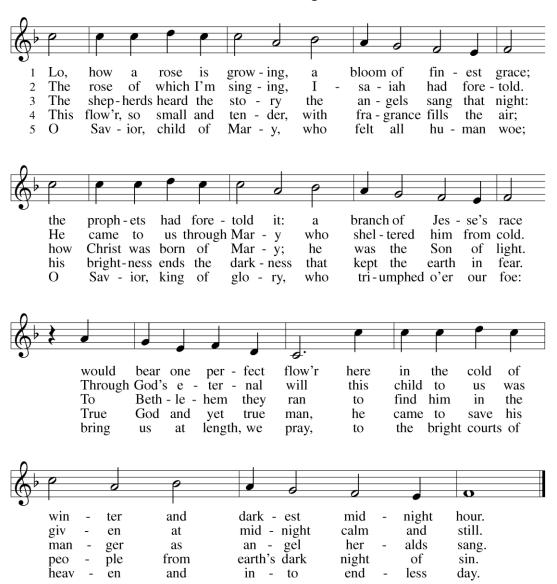


The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child! A Prince of Peace in Beth-le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign. That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral-ly to the cross. Lead past the an-gel's flam-ing sword—Come, o-pen heav-en's door.

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg, ed. John Wyeth Text: © 1998 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no.

"Lo, How a Rose Is Growing" LBW 58 vs. 1-4



Stand

POST-COMMUNION HYMN



⚠ 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



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.

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 \pm give you peace.

People: Amen.

Sit

MINISTRY NEWS

Stand

CLOSING HYMN "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" LBW 87



- 1 Hail to the Lord's a noint ed, great Da vid's great er Son!
- 2 He comes with res cue speed y to those who suf fer wrong,
- 3 He shall come down like show ers up on the fruit ful earth;
- 4 Kings shall fall down be fore him, and gold and in cense bring;



time ap - point - ed, Hail, in the his reign on earth be - gun! help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong; and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth. na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free, to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light, Be-fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go; To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;



to take a - way trans-gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty. whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, were pre-cious in his sight. and righ-teous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow. his king-dom still in - creas - ing, a king-dom with - out end.

A SENDING WORD

Deacon: Go in peace. Keep awake.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" - Brenda Portman

** Church Attendance and Offerings **

Attendance week ending 11/30/2025

Sunday, November 30, 2025: 8:15 AM: 43 10:45 AM: 43

Offerings Received in October 2025

(total monthly offerings includes online giving)

ACTUAL September Regular Offerings Received:

Regular Weekly Offerings: \$15,243.80 Loose Plate: \$488.00

Total Offerings October 2025: \$15,731.80

Regular Monthly Budgeted: \$22,608.33

Year to Date Received (July through October) 2025-2026: \$69,843.00

St. Luke Church Council 2025

Jackie Todaro	President	Jackies7fromhvn@aol.com
Ken Wenz	Vice-President	kpwenz@gmail.com
Trisha Klare	Secretary	Tsklare402@gmail.com
Brenda Lentsch	Treasurer	Treasurer@stlukedixhills.org
Denise Norman	Christian Education	Denisenorman231@gmail.com
Tony Fisher	Property	Afisher1855@gmail.com
Michele Castro	Finance	Michelel25@yahoo.com
Theresa Clark	Evangelism	Teesamarie33@gmail.com
Lori Etienne	Parish Life	lletienne13@gmail.com
Glenn Schabel	Worship	gschabel@yahoo.com
Sandi McDermott	Missions/Social Concerns	Sandibmcder@gmail.com
Mike Smith	Youth	michael@reliablepayrollservices.com

ADVENT WEDNESDAYS 2025

1st Week

Christmas Tree Lighting at 6pm

Dec 3rd

2nd Week

Caroling at Sunrise Assisted 6:30pm

Dec 10th

3rd Week

South Shore Brass at 7:30pm

Dec 17th

4th Week

Christmas Eve 5pm Family

9pm Candlelight

Dec 24th

It Starts with a Gift and leads to lives transformed through Jesus Christ



Begins Thanksgiving Week – **Tags will be available on November 23rd**

Gifts wrapped & tagged with Angel Gift Tag are **Due back on December 14, 2025**

Once again, our church will be gathering Christmas gifts that will be distributed to children of prisoners in our local area through an organization known as "Angel Tree" Prison Fellowship. Names and gift requests will be posted on the bulletin board at church beginning Thanksgiving.

Please be sure that when you take an angel off the poster you write your name and phone number on the pad next to the number of the angel that you chose. All gifts must be wrapped and returned to the back of the church no later than Sunday December 14th so that gifts can be delivered to the children by Christmas. Don't forget to put the Angel Tag on the gift, please.

**We are receiving fewer Angels due to other churches wanting to participate and requesting tags. Since we have fewer Angels, we ask that you please take only 1 Angel Tag per family so everyone has an opportunity to participate.









St. Luke Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve - Wednesday December 24th

5pm Family - Lessons & Carols

9pm Christmas Eve – Candlelight w/ Holy Communion

<u>Christmas Day</u> – Thursday December 25th 10am Christmas Day w/Holy Communion

1st Sunday of Christmas – Sunday December 28th 8:15am & 10:45am w/Holy Communion



Once again, we will be decorating the church with greens, wreaths, and beautiful poinsettias from Hick's Nursery. We invite you to purchase these Christmas decorations in memory or honor of loved ones by filling this form out and returning it to Church with your cash or check (payable to St. Luke Lutheran Church), in an envelope marked:

"Poinsettias" no later than December 14th.

We ask that you please honor this deadline, to allow enough time to prepare the Memorial Bulletin for Christmas.

Poinsettias, at \$20.00 each	
In honor of:	
In memory of:	
To the Glory of God:	
NAME:	
ENV #:	
(Please Print Clearly) Please fill out and enclose with your payment in an envelope marke Poinsettias. Thank you! (you can also pay online on MyVanco)	
Adail in adduses.	

Mail in address: St Luke Lutheran Church 20 Candlewood Path Dix Hills, NY 11746