Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

★ Seventh Sunday After Epiphany ★ February 19, 2017

In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.



Inspired by Christ, living and growing in faith, we are a loving and open community of worship, witness, and service in God's world.

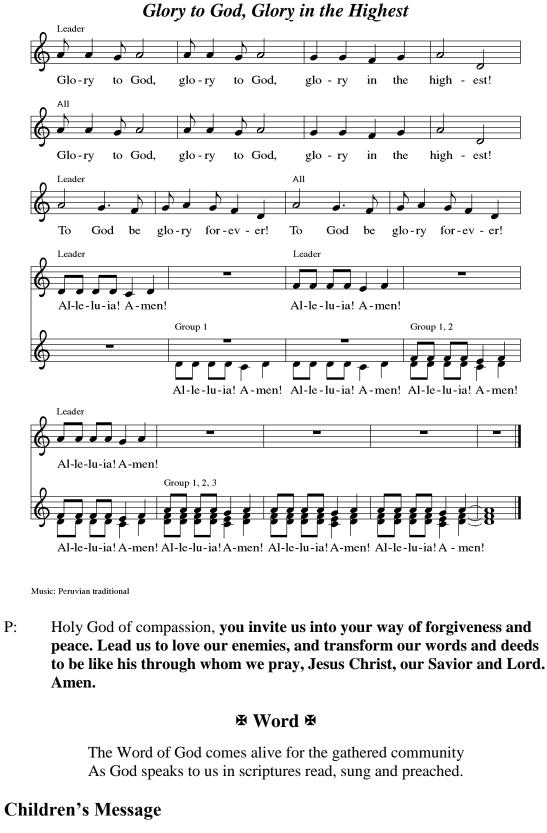
	★ Gathering ★ Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world. We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.				
Prelude	Andante Religioso from Sonata IV in Bb op.65				
Welcome	F. Mendelssohn				
Call to Worship <i>Please stand as</i> <i>you are able.</i>	Psalm 119:33-40 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire. Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain. Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way. Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you. Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good. Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen				
Gathering Hymn	<i>Lord of Light</i> <i>ELW #688</i>				
Apostolic Greeting	P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.C: And also with you.				
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Gloria



Prayer of the

Day







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Reading

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. ¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be

urges people to be holy since God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves. your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD

- R: Word of God, Word of Life.
- **C:** Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.





Music: Caribbean traditional

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³⁸"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

- P: The Gospel of our Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Matthew 5:38-48 In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares an end to the law of vengeance. God's people will respond to evil

with love and

forgiveness.

Apostles' Creed	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.				
	I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.				
Please be seated.	Sermon Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.				
Hymn of the Day Please stand as you are able.	O God, My Faithful God ELW # 806				
you are uote.	 Prayers of the Church P: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing. A brief silence. A: Holy Lord, you alone are God. Remove jealousy and quarreling Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer. P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. C: Amen. 				
ALL	 Greeting of Peace P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you. After the greeting, please share a word of peace with your neighbors. 				

♥ Offering ♥

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week. We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news.

Sing Forth, Rejoice!

John Amner/ Hal Hopson

Sing forth, rejoice! Sing praise to God. Rejoice and sing! The Lord is God, the God of heaven, God of earth. Rejoice and sing! Let ev'ry voice sing forth, praise the Lord, O praise the Lord.



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A: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

₩ Meal ₩

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

Great Thanksgiving

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

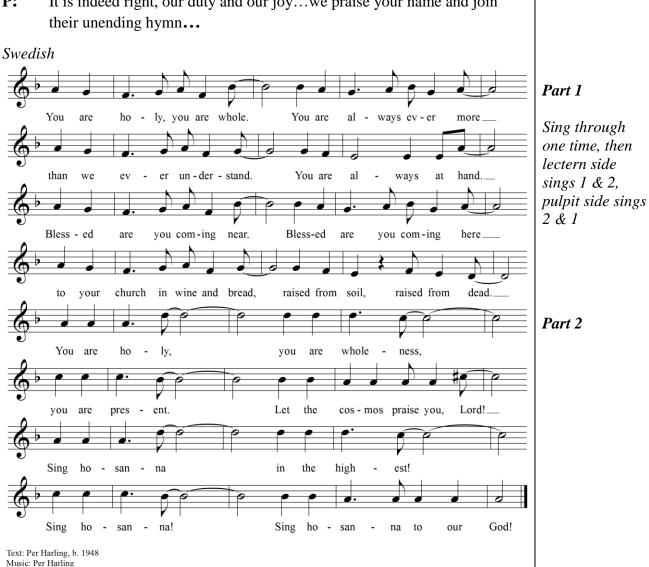
Offering

Offertory

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

Please be seated.



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join

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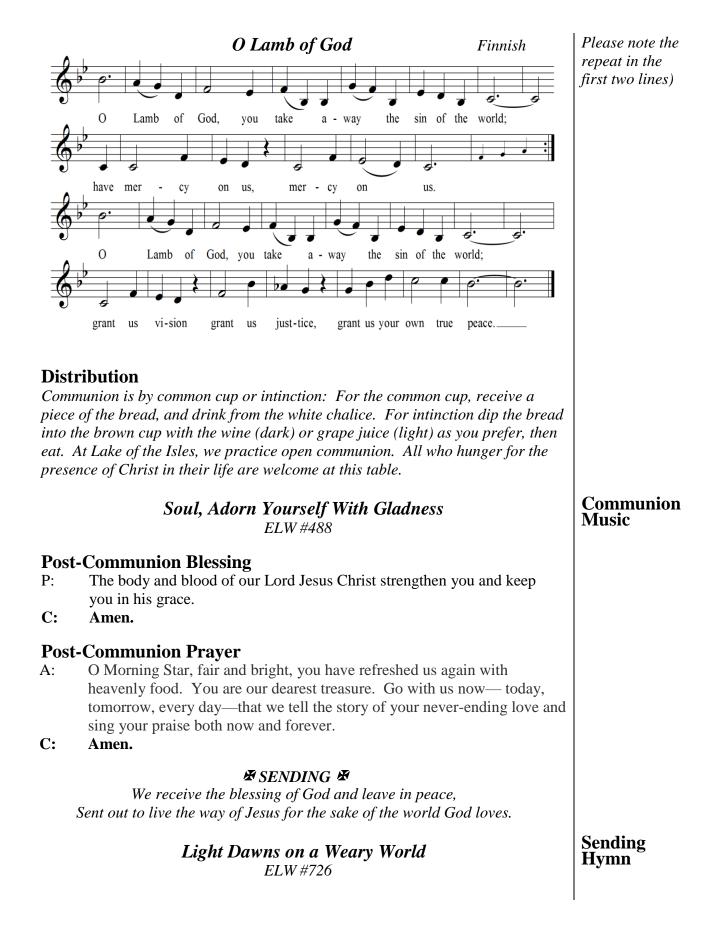
Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table is ready. All are welcome.

Please be seated



Benediction

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to youThe Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Light Dawns on a Weary World

K. Vigne

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WELCOME

We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—for prayer and worship and to any of the events our congregation has scheduled. We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY	Pastor Organist Guest Choir D Worship Assis Ushers Altar Servers Reader Communion S Coffee Hosts	tant	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug Kenneth Vigne Debra Gilroy Margaret Coleman Joel Koepp and Ellie Holmquist Pauline Haug and Phyllis Dahl David Ackerman Mary Sabatke, Janna Haug and Marty Carlson Chris and Vicki Hovda
CHURCH OFFICERS	President Vice President Treasurer	t	Marty Carlson Ross Formell Ross Bartels
STAFF	Children's Min Custodian Office Manage Nursery Attend Seminarian	er	Diane LaMere Dane Peterson Linda Nelson Sheridan Swee Marty Charest
<u>Calendar</u> Sunday, February 19	9:30 am	Worship with Holy	7 Communion and Sunday School Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall

	3:00 pm	Aaron Janse Student Recital	Sanctuary
Monday, February 20	6:00 pm	Aaron Janse Student Recital	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21	5:15 pm	SA Support Group	Christy Room
	6:15 pm	Yoga	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Library
	7:00 pm	AA Spiritual Recovery Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Men's AA Group	Sunday School Rooms
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Confirmation	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23	11:00 pm	Funeral Service for Bev Bergford Sanctuary	
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Growlers & Theology	Parsonage
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24	9:30 am	Isles Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25	1:00 pm	Knitting Group	Christy Room
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	
			Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	2:00 pm	Isles Ensemble Concert & Recep	otion Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of

thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:

Lucy Miller, Marlene Wilson, Maxine Peitso, Jane Schuldt, Shirley Carlson, Dawn Allan, LOTI members; John Bergford and family on the death of **Bev Bergford**; Diane and Pierre LeMere on the death of Diane's mother, **Sharon Behrens**; Judy Reay and Lynne Williamson, friends of the Kuehn Family; Connor Miller, nephew of Michelle McCreery and Mark Duff ; Don Powell, friend of Rick and Suzanne Pepin, Jane Schuldt and John Fitch.



Andrea Tonsfeldt 2/22 Matthew Moen 2/24

Ken Larson 2/24 Kenny Vigne 2/26

Michael Huttner 2/27 Ellie Holmquist 2/28

Tom Madson 2/27

Loved Ones In The Military Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



STAFFED NURSERY AVAILABLE

Children are always welcome in worship, however, if the need arises, the Christy Room is staffed with a Nursery Attendant for your child. The Christy Room is located to the left of the sanctuary through the side door at the front of the church and across from the church office. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers to help you. There is a baby changing table available in the unisex restroom between the pastor's office and the sacristy.

BAKERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY 26TH COFFEE HOUR

We need a few volunteers to bake Fastelavn buns for coffee hour on Sunday, February 26th. Please let Linda know in the church office if you can help. Recipe provided if you have not made them before.

OUR SAVIOUR'S HOUSING A NOTE FROM CHERI MOE

Thank you for your willingness in the past to provide a meal at Our Saviour's Housing. LOTI provides this meal the first Friday of every month. I'm working on filling the 2017 calendar now. It helps me to not have to try to round up volunteers throughout the year.

The dates available for 2017 are: April 7, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, and November 3.

Please let me know if you would like one of these dates to serve the people at Our Saviour's. Thank you! You can reach me at <u>moeclana@aol.com</u> / PH: 952-431-5226.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

LSS of MN is getting many calls about how Lutherans can help refugees now that arrivals are on hold. LSS is shifting some of its efforts for now to further support the integration of refugees already in Minnesota. You can help by donating to "Refugee Integration" at LSS, 2485 Como Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55108 or by going to their website at www.lssmn.org.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The new Women's Bible study will begin on Tuesday, February 21st for 8 weeks from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the church library.



friends (old and new) on Saturday, February 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Christy Room for an afternoon of knitting, needlework and relaxation. A \$5 donation is asked and bring a snack to share. Dinner at a nearby restaurant afterwards, optional. Please RSVP Judith Eisner if you would like to attend: 612 822-9236 or <u>maven.juditheisner@gmail.com</u>.

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS

February 21 Women's Bible Study In the Library 7:00 p.m.

February 23

Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Growlers & Theology 7:30 p.m.

February 26

Fastelavn Sunday Isles Ensemble Concert 2:00 p.m.

March 1

Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.