

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost** ✠
September 17, 2017

Since we all sin, we fall short of the glory of God, and stand before the judgment of God. Our failings are often against our neighbors. Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.



*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

Prelude in Detroit

K. Vigne

Welcome

**Call to
Worship**

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;
**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast
love and mercy;**

O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love;**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those
who fear you.

**As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our
transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,

so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

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**

Gather Us In

ELW #532

Verse 1 All, vs 2 Women, vs 3 Men, vs 4 All

**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.**

**Prayer of the
Day**

**O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may
delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Please be seated.

✠ **Word** ✠

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

Children's Message and Bible Presentation

**Dismissal
Song**

Oh, Let the Son of God Enfold You

Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with his Spir - it and his
love, let him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spir - it like a
dove will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole.

Refrain
Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and
fill your lambs. Je - sus, O
Je - sus, come and fill your lambs.

2 Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy,
lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
Oh, give him all your tears and sadness,
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Refrain*

Text: John Wimber
Music: SPIRIT SONG, John Wimber

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Genesis 50:15-21
After Jacob's death, the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do

Lesson

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to

good and save
many lives.

Please stand as
you are able.

Sing twice.



Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks
about the limits of
forgiveness, Jesus
responds with a
parable that
suggests human
forgiveness should
mirror the
unlimited mercy of
God.

preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

Gospel

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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.**

Sermon

Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

ELW #605

Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.

Prayers of the Church

- P: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.
A: Good and gracious God, we pray for the church. Bless the ministries of congregations 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.**

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.



Please be seated

Anthem

Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.*

Offertory

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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**Offertory
Prayer**

- A: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
- 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.**

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

Sing through one time, then lectern side sings 1 & 2, pulpit side sings 2 & 1

1.

2.



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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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 has been prepared. All are welcome.

Please be seated



As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.
You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.
You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;
you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

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Music: AS THE DEER, Martin J. Nystrom

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Improvisation

Distribution

Communion is by common cup or intinction: For the common cup, receive a piece of the bread, and drink from the white chalice. For intinction dip the bread into the brown cup with the wine (dark) or grape juice (light) as you prefer, then eat. At Lake of the Isles, we practice open communion. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are welcome at this table.

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Distribution Music

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C: Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

ELW #534

Benediction

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue in G Major

J. Pachelbel

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You are invited to remain for the Postlude to enjoy this musical offering of thanksgiving and praise or leave quietly.



Sending Hymn



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
Choir Director
Worship Assistant
Ushers
Altar Servers

Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
Kenneth Vigne
Dawn Allan
Marty Carlson
Linda Nelson and Bruce Sabatke
Carolyn Hagford and Phyllis Dahl

	Reader	Steve Hoyt
	Communion Assistants	David Ackerman, Mary Sabatke and Deb Gilroy
	Coffee Host	Marty Carlson and Mary Knoblauch
CHURCH OFFICERS	President	Marty Carlson
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	Treasurer	Ross Bartels
STAFF	Youth Ministry Director	Diane LaMere
	Custodian	Dane Peterson
	Office Manager	Linda Nelson
	Nursery Attendant	Sheridan Swee

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	10:45 am	Speaker Series "Working"	Christy Room
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	9:15 am	Prayer Ministry	Christy Room
	5:15 pm	SA Support Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	AA Spiritual Recovery Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Men's AA Group	Room 56
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21	12:00 pm	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Library
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	Christy Room
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22	6:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23	4:00 pm	Meads/Dsida Wedding	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	2:00 pm	Isles Ensemble Concert & Reception	Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST



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

thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:

Marlene Wilson, Maxine Peitso, Shirley Carlson, Alice Gunter, LOTI members; Linda Sabatke, sister-in-law of Bruce and Mary Sabatke; Emmie Burton, friend of Bruce and Mary Sabatke; Jackie Waite, friend of Cheri Moe; Sam

Pederson, nephew of Jenny Cook; Vangie Hagfors, cousin of Dave Hagford. Lynn Williamson, Tim Anderson and the Kuehn family.

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



NURSERY

Children are always welcome in worship. If the need arises, however, 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.



Taylor Rondestvedt
9/17

James Vigne
9/18

Heather Jacoby 9/19

Kathy Bracken 9/20

Charlie Gruys 9/20

David Hagford 9/22

CONVERSATION AND CUISINE

Conversation and Cuisine is a casual evening of getting better acquainted while enjoying a meal in our homes (or choice of a restaurant). Groups made up of 5-7 members and friends of Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church gather for three meals during the course of the year. If you would like to participate in the 2017-2018 groups, please let Janna Haug know by September 30th at the latest. You can talk to her during church coffee or email her at jannahaug@yahoo.com

ELECTRONIC GIVING SCAN TO GIVE



THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the pie and ice cream social last Sunday. For those of you who volunteered to set up, donate pies, provide the ice cream, served food and cleaned-up, your help was greatly appreciated. It was a successful event.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

New members will be received into the congregation on Sunday, October 8 during the worship service. If you are interested in becoming a member of LOTI, please contact Linda in the church office at 612 377-5095 or linda.nelson@loti.org.

SPEAKER SERIES "WORKING" SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17



Today's segment of the series will feature Lake of the Isles Lutheran member, Mark Duff. Captain Mark Duff is a Delta Airlines pilot and is currently "Special Project Manager for the Airbus A350XWB. That job entails all aspects of taking delivery and putting into service a new aircraft type for Delta Air Lines. After this project is completed, he'll return to line flying and line instruction as a Senior Line Instructor Pilot.

Mark's talk will take place after a brief coffee break following the Sunday morning service. Those who are interested will be invited to take their coffee/tea into the Christy Room for about 45 minutes. The first 20 minutes will be an informal talk by Mark about his work...leaving the remaining time for questions from those in attendance.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will begin in a few weeks. Please consider joining us for our next study. We will read "Fierce: Women of the Bible and their stories of violence, mercy, bravery, wisdom, sex, and salvation" by Alice Connor. These women's stories are messy, challenging, and beautiful. When we read their stories, we can see not only their particular, fearsome lives but also our own. You can purchase your book through Amazon as a paperback or eBook.

Please contact Debra Gilroy or Linda Nelson to indicate your interest at your earliest convenience. We are tentatively planning to start on Thursday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m..

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Wednesday morning for Bible Study at 10:00. The informal study will explore the Book of Daniel. And yes, coffee and treats are a part of every Wednesday morning.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Do you love to read? Are you interested in exploring your faith in fiction and non-fiction writings sure to stir the soul? If your answer is a resounding "YES", please consider joining LOTI's new book club!

Please contact Debra Gilroy or Linda Nelson if you are interested. We will then schedule a brief informational session to set a meeting date and book selection. Our

goal is to meet every one to two months.

***THE GREAT RESTROOM MAKEOVER
KICK-OFF, OCTOBER 1ST***

The LOTI Church Council is moving ahead with plans to renovate the lower level restrooms. This had been proposed over 20 years ago as a part of the major renovation that included the installation of the elevator. Unfortunately, the renovated bathrooms were cut from the project because of cost. Even today \$70,000 is needed for the work and will take 3 months to complete.



On Sunday, October 1st, the Church Council will be hosting a Kick-Off to raise funds for this project. We will begin with a 5:00 reception and silent auction in the Fellowship Hall at Lake of the Isles. The plans for the “Great Restroom Makeover” will be revealed that evening as well as novel ways in which you can support this project. A buffet of “heavy hors d’oeuvres” and beverages will be served. The donation is \$10 for those who register in advance and for \$15 who those who register at the door.

Those wishing to offer silent auction items may contact Susanne Haas or Pastor Haug.

NEW ADDRESS FOR MAXINE PEITSO

Maxine has been transferred to North Ridge Care Center, 5430 Boone Ave. N., Room 106, New Hope, MN 55428 (763 592-3000). Please keep Maxine in your prayers as she has now entered hospice care.

***ISLES ENSEMBLE CONCERT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
2:00 P.M.***

The Isles Ensemble was founded in 2004. The Ensemble is a group of some of the finest musicians from the Twin Cities who present a series of Sunday afternoon concerts at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church. Chamber music is their passion and their mission is to help build a vibrant chamber music community in the TwinCities. For more information, check out their website at www.islesensemble.org or call 612 669-2836. The first concert of the season is September 24th and the program is:

Beethoven String Quartet in F major, Op 18, No. 1
Stravinsky Duo Concertante
Walton Piano Quartet in D minor

***EXTENDED CALENDAR
OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES
& Events***



Sunday Worship Services

And Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour

10:40 a.m.

Working Speaker Series

10:45 a.m.

September 21

Church Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Women’s Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

September 24

Isles Ensemble Concert

2:00 p.m.

October 1

The Great Restroom Makeover Kick-Off

5:00 p.m.

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