

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✂ First Sunday of Advent ✂

December 2, 2018

Today we begin the new church year with the First Sunday of Advent. Advent, which means "coming," is a season of hoping, waiting, yearning and preparing, but for what and for whom? In many old Lutheran liturgies, the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was the gospel story read on this Sunday. It was a colorful reminder, that it is not simply a "baby in Bethlehem" entering into our story, but it is a savior who comes in the name of the Lord.



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



Prelude

Welcome

Penitential Rite

Please stand as you are able.

Confession

Words of Absolution

✠ 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.

Concerto for Two Trumpets in C mvt. 1

A. Vivaldi

✠ Confession and Forgiveness ✠

P: Throughout the season of Advent we prepare ourselves to receive the King of glory anew. Therefore, let us come before God with open hearts.

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. **Amen.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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 the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Gathering Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads

Verse 1 all, vs 2 women, vs 3 men, vs 4 & 5 all



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold, the
2 Oh, blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - 'reign; en - ter in! Let new and



King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
rul - er is con - fessed! Oh, hap - py hearts and
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spir - it



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

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

Eternal God, **your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 Sermon

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of hope. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined." Isaiah 9:2

**Dismissal
Song**

*The song will be
sung twice.*

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Matthew 21:1-9

Please be seated.

Let us pray:

**Lord, as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love
for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us.
Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is
our hope. Amen.**

Dear Jesus lead us to your bed, In Bethlehem we pray.
A candle we shall light, O Lord, To Guide us on our way.

Advent Gradual (Sung by the Choir)

Hosianna by G.J Vogler

Sing Hosanna, David's Son! O, welcome him with song!
Sing Hosanna David's Son, who comes in the name of the Lord!
Sing Hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna in the highest.
Sing Hosanna David's Son, who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Gospel

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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

Dietrich Buxtehude "Rejoice, Earth and Heaven"

*Rejoice, earth and heaven, sound forth gladly sing!
All angels, all saints of God's heaven, rejoice ye, full chorus employing.
On earth let resound loudly your shouting and singing, your mirth and your joying,
Your songs let re-echo, your joy now let ring.
Joy is God's great gift from heaven Which our Savior rich supplied.
He for us Himself hath given.
Born a tender child of Mary, suffered bitter pain and died,
Now our joy is great, supernal, And we sing Him songs eternal.
Truth divine our God hath pledged us, Yea, it is His great concern,
Once condemned us sinners lowly, But now life with him doth bring us,
Help us God's great love discern.
Thus in heaven and now on earth, We extol God's truth and mirth.*

Thank God for the goodness, the mercy He showeth.
 When He to all nations salvation bestoweth.
 Rejoice with all people, your sorrow subside,
 All hatred let vanish, let peace now abide.
 May heaven and earth by God's grace be united,
 Displeasures let perish, let all be delighted,
 God's truth doth enkindle in hearts holy joy,
 Incites men to praise, for Him great songs employ.
 Alleluias sing to God, spread His story,
 Extol Him and praise Him, sing forth His great glory.


Sermon

Hymn of the Day


Please stand as you are able.

O Zion Acclaim Your Redeemer

With exaltation




1. O Zi - on ac-claim your Re-deem-er! Je - ru - sa-lem, wel-come your King!
 2. He comes from the joys of the a - ges, He leaves His do-min-ion sub-lime,
 3. He comes as a ran-som most ho - ly, He dies on the cross for the world;
 4. He comes from the tomb as a Vic-tor, The shad-ows of death clear a - way;
 5. He comes to the sor-row-ing bos-om And life is re-newed by His hand.



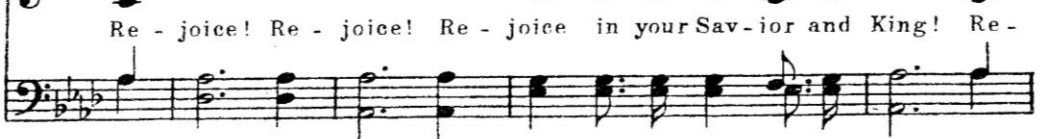

Strew palms on the way for the Sav-ior, His prais-es ex-ult-ant-ly sing.
 From glo - ry to Beth-le-hem's man-ger He comes in the full-ness of time.
 Re-demp-tion from sin is ac-com-plished, His ban-ner of light is un-furled.
 The slum-ber-ing saints are a - wak-ened, A-roused from their sleep in the clay.
 He comes to es-tab-lish a king-dom That shall throughe-ter-ni-ty stand.




REFRAIN



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice in your Sav-ior and King! Re -

joice! Re - joice! Ac - claim Him your Sav - ior and King!



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Prayers of the Church

P: As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation..

A brief silence.

A: Equip your church, merciful God. Secure our roots in the soil of your eternal word. Ease our worries...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.**

Please be seated

*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.

Offering

Concerto for Two Trumpets in C mvt. 3

A. Vivaldi

Offertory

Please stand as you are able.

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God



Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

Offertory Prayer

A: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and 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.**

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Per Harling, b. 1948
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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

(During the season of Advent and Christmas, we will use the traditional words for the Lord's Prayer.)

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

Lamb of God



Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown
Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

Agnus Dei



In Dulci Jubilo- BuxWV 52

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

Communion Music

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. Gluten free wafers are available in the silver container.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

A: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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.*

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

ELW #241 vss 1 & 4

Sung to the tune Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's 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 *Rejoice, Earth and Heaven*

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

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Please stand as you are able.

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	Rev. Arden D. Haug
	Organist	Kenneth Vigne
	Choir Director	Dawn Allan
	Worship Assistant	Mary Sabatke
	Advent Wreath Family	The Amann Family
	Ushers	Lars and Chanda Olson
	Altar Servers	Pauline Haug
	Communion Servers	Carolyn Hagford, Denise Wilkens and Renate Amann
	Coffee Hosts	Carolyn and Dave Hagford
	Strings	Ian Snyder, Devan Moran & Daryl Carlson
CHURCH OFFICERS	Timpani	Jon Lewis
	Trumpets	Jonathan Brandt and Takako Seiiya Senn
	Trombone	Matt Hafar
	President	Marty Carlson
	Vice President	Ross Formell
	Treasurer	Ross Bartels
	Secretary	Jon Sprain
	Children's Ministry Director	Diane LaMere
	Caretaker	Dane Peterson
	Office Manager	Linda Nelson
STAFF	Nursery Attendant	Sheridan Swee

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary Sunday School Rooms
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	10:45 am	Family Advent Festival	Fellowship Hall
	11:00 am	"Working" Series	Christy Room
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4	9:15 am	Prayer Ministry	Christy Room
	12:30 pm	Al Anon Committee Meeting	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, DECEMBER 5	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Confirmation	Christy Room
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6	12:00 pm	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
	7:30 pm	Growlers & Theology	Parsonage
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7	5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Our Saviour's Shelter Meal	Our Saviour's
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8	10:00 am	Cookie Sale & Christmas Tea Set-Up	Fellowship Hall
	1:30 pm	Kastenmeier/Velasquez Wedding	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary Sunday School Rooms
	10:40 am	Christmas Tea	Fellowship Hall
	12:00 pm	P. Low Student Recital	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:

Shirley Carlson, Payton Berkland, Kathy Hering, LOTI members; **Jim Peterson, Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jenny Cook; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morell; **Charles Sabatke**, brother of Bruce Sabatke.

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Katherine Mechels
12/5

Anne Long 12/7

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITORS WELCOME!

Children who are visiting today, age 3 through 6th grade, are more than welcome to come to Sunday School. We do ask that a parent/guardian comes with their child after the Children's Message to check him/her into a classroom. Children will return to

worship with their family at the start of Communion. If your child would prefer to remain in worship, please know that there are age appropriate worship materials at the kid's worship table in the Narthex (back of the Sanctuary). Welcome!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP MATERIALS

Children are invited to use the worship materials throughout the service. Materials are located in the narthex and are organized by age group.

BRONZE ADVENT WREATH

The bronze Advent wreath which graces our sanctuary was given as a memorial for John Engen in 1968. It was given by his family which includes his daughters, Ruth Lee and Ellie Holmquist, who are both members of our congregation.

FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL

TODAY AT 10:45 A.M.

Come join us in Fellowship Hall after worship, an intergenerational event for all ages. There will be lots of fun projects to choose from.

"WORKING" SERIES

TODAY AT 11:00 A.M.

POSSIBILITIES FOR GIVING AND THE NEW TAX LAWS

LOTI Treasurer Ross Bartels and TPT Vice President Melinda Hoke will address the possibilities for financial giving at Lake of the Isles. Ross will focus on the immediate possibilities and challenges of the new tax law and Melinda will speak on the Five Ps, People, Property, Plans, Planners and Philanthropy.

She will also answer the questions, 1) must I have a will, 2) how to Include charity in your plan, and 3) what to think about in making a plan.

CHRISTMAS TEA AND COOKIE SALE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

The tea and cookie sale will be held on Sunday, December 9th. Please call Linda in the church office if you can help with one or both of these events. There is a sign-up sheet available in Fellowship Hall. Set-up for the Christmas Tea and putting together cookie bags will take place on December 8th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women's Book Club will meet on Friday, January 11 at 5:00pm. We are reading "Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan.

SCAN TO GIVE



OUR SAVIOUR'S HOUSING MEALS IN 2019

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church has provided a meal for 40 the first Friday of every month for many years.

This is a wonderful opportunity for families or a group of friends. Check your calendars and pick a month now for 2019. You can reserve your month by calling or emailing Cheri Moe (952-431-5226, moeclana@aol.com). She can provide you with recipes for a crowd. If you are a Thrivent member, you can apply for a Thrivent Action grant that will cover the cost of the meal as well as some left over to purchase the supplies that Our Saviour's is always in need of.

If you have never served the meal before or feel the cost is more than you can comfortably afford or you just don't want to do it alone but don't know who to ask, please contact either Cheri or Linda Nelson in the church office. They can contact others who have served and try to find someone who would be interested in serving with you. It's more fun doing it with others and the cost is shared.

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS



December 2
Family Advent Festival
10:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

"Working" Series
11:00 a.m. – Christy Room

December 6
Growlers & Theology
7:30 p.m. - Parsonage

December 8
Cookie Sale and Christmas Tea Set-up
10:00 a.m.

December 9
Lessons and Carols
Christmas Tea

December 15
Sunday School Program Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.

Traditional JULBORD
"Christmas Smorgasbord"
5:00 p.m.

December 16
Children's Christmas Pageant
Santa Lucia

Traditional JULBORD
"Christmas Smorgasbord"
12:00 p.m. Seatings

December 24
Christmas Eve
Family Service at 4:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service at 10:00 p.m.

December 25
Christmas Day
Church Office Closed

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M-F, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

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