

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✂ Fourth Sunday of Advent ✂

December 18, 2016

God keeps the promise made to David, to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." The carpenter Joseph receives a messenger as well who tells him that the child named Jesus will save his people from their sins and death.



*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.

Kyrie



Confession

Word 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.

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

J. Brahms

✠ 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.

1,3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.

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**

**Apostolic
Greeting**

**Prayer of the
Day**

Please be seated.



**Dismissal
Song**

Micah 5:2-5a
*The prophet
Micah, having
pronounced
judgment upon
Judah, speaks of a
future shepherd-
king who, like
David, will come*

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
ELW # 257, vs All, vs 2 Women, vs 3, Men, vs 4 All
All voices sing the Refrain

- 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.**
- L: Stir up your power, Lord Jesus, and come. **With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ Word ✠

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe.
- C: **In your son, Emmanuel, you have shown us your light and saved us from the power of sin.**
- L: Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.
- C: **Increase our longing for your presence, that at the celebration of your Son's birth his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst,**
- L: for he is our light and salvation. Blessed be God forever. 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.*

*O Father, you have sent your son From your unbounded grace.
A second candle we now light To honor you with praise.*

*O Holy Spirit, you appeared As fire and heavnly dove,
Your prophet calls us to the light. Come fill us with your love.*

*O Mary, favored one of God, For us the Child you bore.
A candle we now light to you Bless'd mother of our Lord.*

Reading

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

from Bethlehem.

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

Lucia Processional

(Sung by the Choir and repeated by congregation as a recessional)



*Into our hearts she walks, Telling her story,
Candles in shining crown, Lighting her story
Symbol of Love sublime Moving o'er space and time,
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia.*

*Now in the winter night Good folk are waiting.
See now the maid of light, Darkness abating.
Into this winter night Come, maid of shining light,
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia.*

*When on the earth she walked, Bravely confessing,
All to the poor she gave, All felt her blessing.
Symbol of love sublime, Moving o'er space and time,
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia.*

Tomten Song

Gospel

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

Matthew 1:18-25



¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit" ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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

Please be seated.

Lucia Recessional

(Text printed above)



Sunday School Christmas Program

Away in a Manger PreK- K

Good News PreK-K

Jesus is a Sleepin' PreK- K

We Three Kings

(The congregation joins in singing)

We three kings of Orient are Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain Following yonder star.
O Star of wonder, star of night Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy Perfect Light.

Silent Night

(The Sunday School will first present the verse in sign language.

Congregation joins in singing the 2nd time)

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

This is Our Prayer for You Grades 1-4

When darkness falls around you, you are not alone.
Let the light of Jesus lead the way and guide you safely home.
There is rest for the weary, hope for the hopeless.
Peace and a place for those who wander on their own.

Go Tell It and Ring for Joy All Sunday School

Music by Cathy Skogen-Soldner

Joy to the World

ELW#267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let ev-'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

He Rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Prayers of the Church

P: Emmanuel has come, is here, and is coming soon. Let us join in prayer for
the church, the earth, and those who are in need, that all receive what God
promises to give.

A brief silence.

P: God of healing, it is sad to be sick or hurt during this time of year, so we
would like to pray for these people



Please be seated

Offering

L: Emmanuel, God with us,
C: **Hear our prayer.**

God of peace, help us to live in peace with another and show patience and understanding during times of conflict. Help us find solutions to problems by listening to each other and finding a compromise rather than fighting.

L: Emmanuel, God with us,
C: **Hear our prayer**

God of joy, help us to be thankful with what we have. Help us to help others who do not have a place to live, food to eat, or clothes to wear. **Amen.**

L: Emmanuel, God with us,
C: **Hear our prayer**

God of love, you sent Jesus to us because you love us, help your church to spread your love everywhere.

L: Emmanuel, God with us,
C: **Hear our prayer**

God of hope, we pray for all of these things, knowing that you hear us.
In the name of Jesus, we pray.

C: **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

L: Glory to God in the highest!

C: **And peace to God's people on earth!**

L: Please share the peace that Jesus brings with your neighbor and all the world.

*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.

***Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
Angels We Have Heard on High
Grades 1-6 Sunday School Children***

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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

Offertory

Please stand as you are able.

- 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**

Offertory Prayer

✠ 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

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - - - men

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

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming ELW #272

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.**

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.**

Communion Music

Please stand as you are able.



✠ **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.*

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW #244

**Sending
Hymn**

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

Go, Tell It On the Mountain

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

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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	Rev. Arden D. Haug
Organist	Kenneth Vigne
Choir Director	Dawn Allan
Advent Wreath Candle Lighters	The Bartels-Weigel family
Readers	Claire Jacoby, Raymond Kappel and Winnie Ulland
Soloist	Dominik Amann
	Women's Choir
	Margaret Coleman
Worship Assistant	
Santa Lucia	
Ushers	Sean Coleman and Bruce Sabatke
Altar Servers	Phyllis Dahl and Carolyn Hagford

	Communion Assistants	Linda Nelson, David Ackerman, and Mary Sabatke
	Coffee Hosts	Ross Bartels and Brenda Weigel
CHURCH OFFICERS	President Vice President Treasurer	Marty Carlson Ross Formell Ross Bartels
STAFF	Children's Ministry Director Custodian Office Manager Nursery Attendant Seminarian	Diane LaMere Dane Peterson Linda Nelson Sheridan Sweet Marty Charest

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School Pageant	Sanctuary
	10:45 am	Coffee Hour	Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Scandinavian Julbord	Fellowship Hall
	4:00 pm	Scandinavian Julbord	Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20	10:30 am	Staff 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 21	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22	12:00 pm	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
	7:30 pm	Growlers & Theology	Parsonage
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24	4:30 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service	Sanctuary
	10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion No. Sunday School	Sanctuary
MONDAY & TUES, DECEMBER 26 & 27		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	

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:

Lucy Miller, Marlene Wilson, Maxine Peitso, Shirley Carlson, Cheri Moe, Alice Gunter, Jane Schuldt, LOTI members; Judy Reay and Lynne Williamson, friends of the Kuehn Family; **Maria Gonzalez,** friend of Cheri Moe; **Connor Miller,** nephew of Michelle McCreery and Mark Duff, **Don Powell,** relative of Jane Schuldt, John Fitch,

Rick and Suzanne Pepin, **Mary Ann Lisk and family** on the death of her sister, Irene.

Loved Ones In The Military

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



**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1
SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 8**

Happy Birthday

Jane Schultdt 12/16

Marty Carlson 12/18

Lars Olson 12/21

Dan Myers 12/24

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.

CHRISTMAS TEA THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed cookies for the cookie sale and food items for the tea. We put together 55 cookie bags and, thanks to Cheri Moe for donating over a dozen containers of "Christmas mice." Everything sold and so the money raised will go toward refinishing the pews in the sanctuary this next year. We appreciate everyone who showed up considering less than ideal weather conditions. Thank you again.

THANK YOU



Thanks to Tom Madson for picking up our two beautiful Christmas trees on Monday and delivering them to the church. We appreciate it.

We would also like to thank Jean Carlson for providing all of our communion wine and restocking the supply on a regular basis.

SCAN TO GIVE



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: March 3, 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!

THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported LOTI this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. End of the year gifts to LOTI must be postmarked December 31st or delivered to the office by December 31st.

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS



December 24

Christmas Eve

Family Service at 4:30 p.m.

Candlelight Service at 10:00 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m.

December 26 and 27

Church Office Closed

January 1

New Year's Day Service

10:00 a.m.

God's Help, Our Hands

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