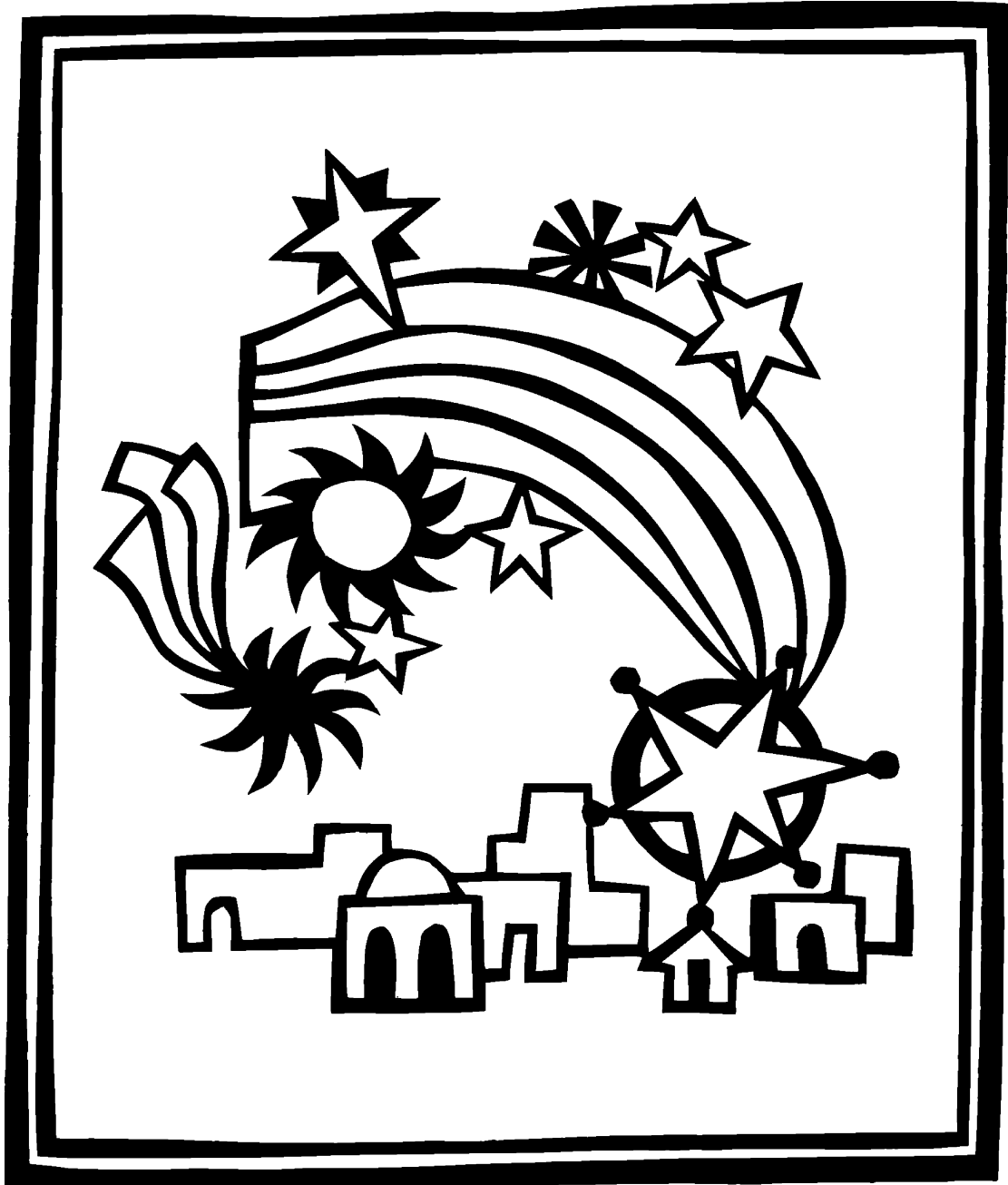


Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✘ Nativity of Our Lord ✘

Christmas Day

December 25, 2016



*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**

**Welcome**

**Choral  
Introit**

***Break Forth, O Glorious Heavn'ly Light***

*Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning.  
You shepherds, shudder not with fright, but hear the angel's warning.  
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,  
the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.*

*Come, dearest child, into our hearts, And leave your crib behind you!  
Let this be where the new life starts For all who seek and find you  
To you the honor thanks and praise, for all your gifts this time of grace,  
Come conquer and deliver This world and us forever.*

*Psalm 97*

**Call to  
Worship**

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples  
behold his glory.**

Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your  
judgments, O God.

**For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are  
exalted far above all gods.**

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy  
name!**

**Gathering  
Hymn**

***Hark, the Herald Angels Sing***

ELW #270

**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.**

# Kyrie

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 - lei - son.  
Chris - te e - lei - son.

## All Glory Be To God on High

*Please sing verse 1*

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we

giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one

will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,  
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord

heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in

praise you for your glo - ry.  
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

*Please be seated.*

All-powerful and unseen God, **the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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.*

***For Us A Child is Born***

*BWV 142 J. S. Bach/ Johann Kuhnau*

***Overture***

***Titus 3:4-7***

*God saves us not  
because of what  
we do. Rather,  
God is a God of  
mercy and  
salvation who  
renews our lives  
through the Holy  
Spirit.*

*Please stand as  
you are able.*

***Luke 2: 1-20***

*The world's deep  
night is shattered  
by the light of  
God's new day.  
The glory of God  
is revealed to poor  
shepherds, who  
share the good  
news with others.*

**Lesson**

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Chorus: "For Us a Child is Born"***

*For us a Child is born, a son is given.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

**Gospel**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary

and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

***Rejoice, Rejoice this Happy Morn***  
 LBW #43

Re-joyce, re - joyce this hap - py morn, a Sav - ior un - to us is  
 born, the Christ, the Lord of glo - ry! His low - ly birth at Beth - le -  
 hem the an - gels from on high pro - claim and sing re - demp - tion's sto - ry!  
 My soul, ex - tol God's great fa - vor; bless him ev - er  
 for sal - va - tion; give him praise and ad - o - ra - tion!

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937  
 Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

*Please be seated.*

***Baritone Aria: So Appears The Natal Day***  
*So appears Thy natal day, My Redeemer, hear, O hear me,  
 I renew my holy pledge To be steadfast true and faithful.  
 In the darkness I am lost, For I know not how to find  
 What I search for What I long for as a sacrifice I bring Thee.  
 Let my heart this day be Thine.*

***Chorus: "Laud We the Name"***  
*Laud we the name of God most holy.  
 Praise we His name most holy. Praise with mighty anthem.  
 Let His be the honor and thanks.*

**Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day

*Please stand as you are able.*

### *When Christmas Morn is Dawning*

LBW #59



1 When Christ-mas morn is dawn - ing I wish that I could be  
2 How kind of you, our Sav - ior, for us to come to earth.  
3 We need you, O Lord Je - sus, to be our dear-est friend.



there by the man - ger - cra - dle God's Son, new-born, to see,  
Oh, may we not by sin - ning de - spise your low - ly birth.  
Your love will guard and guide us and keep us to life's end.



there by the man - ger - cra - dle God's Son, new-born, to see.  
Oh, may we not by sin - ning de - spise your low - ly birth.  
Your love will guard and guide us and keep us to life's end.

Text: Elisabeth Ehrenborg-Posse, Barnsångar, 19th cent.; tr. Joel W. Lundeen, 1918–1990  
Music: WIR HATTEN GEBAUET, German folk tune, 1823

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## Prayers of the Church

**P:** Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** Holy God, you raise up leaders throughout the church to proclaim your word of hope. Unite the church... Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

## 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.*

## Offering

### ***Tenor Aria: "Lord, My Thanks to Thee"***

*Lord, my thanks to Thee. Lord, I praise Thy name and fame.  
Then my lot through Thy compassion Thou hast raised in Thine own fashion.  
And thou art my saving grace.*

## Offertory

*Please stand as you are able.*

### *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

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 Prayer

- A: God with us: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name.
- 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 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

## 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.*

## Soprano Recitative: “Immanuel! O Give to Me”

*Immanuel! O give to me in Thy great mercy  
That which my faith and spirit fain would have,  
How can I tell Thee all of my poor heart’s emotion,  
Which this Thy birthday wakes within me,  
O Let my voice be raised So that I may sing Thy praise.*

## Soprano Aria: “Lord, I Sing Thy Name”

*Lord, I sing Thy name forever.  
For I am through Thee redeemed.  
Nothing clouds my spirit, And my heart through Thy great favor  
Finds its bounteous strength in Thee.*

## Communion Music

## 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: On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through 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.*

## Joy to the World

ELW #267

## 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

### Chorus: "Alleluia"

*Alleluia, alleluia! O praised be God,  
All raise your voices, sing with thankful voices  
Thou God today hast giv'n us joy.  
Hold fast to Him and praise His name eternal.*

*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.

<b>YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY</b>	Pastor	Rev. Arden D. Haug
	Organist	Kenneth Vigne
	Choir Director	Dawn Allan
	Worship Assistant	Kathy Hering
	Ushers	Ellie Holmquist and Anita Duder
	Altar Servers	Kathy Hering and Margaret Coleman
	Reader	Pat Nortwen
	Communion Servers	Mary Knoblauch, Marty Carlson and Mary Sabatke
	Soloists	Ben Dulak, Deb Gilroy and Arden Haug
	Strings	Brian Krinke, Elizabeth York, Deanna Anderson, Nicole Strydon and Josh Schwalbach
Oboes	Kathryn Greenbank and Laura Nortwen	
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	Caretaker	Dane Peterson
	Office Manager	Linda Nelson
	Nursery Attendant	Sheridan Swee
	Seminarian	Marty Charest

### CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 26</b>		<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27</b>		<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
	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
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29</b>	12:00 pm	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30</b>	9:15 am	Prayer Ministry	Christy Room
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 1</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 2</b>		<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S</b>	

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***



Jorgen Olson 12/28  
Pauline Haug 12/30  
Allyson Mawn 12/30

Jon Zachman 12/29  
Chris Hovda 12/30  
Shirley Carlson 12/93

**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.

<p><b>Loved Ones In The Military</b> Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.</p>	
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**NURSERY AVAILABLE**

**NO NURSERY ATTENDANT TODAY**

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.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> or delivered to the office by December 31st.

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



**December 26 and 27**  
Church Office Closed

**January 1**  
New Year's Day Service  
10:00 a.m.

**January 2**  
Church Office Closed

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