

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✘ Second Sunday of Advent ✘

December 4, 2016

We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's Day. Our God is the God of the living.



*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

Penitential Rite

Please stand as you are able.

Kyrie

Prelude on Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

✠ 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.**

Confession

(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.

Words of Absolution

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**

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW #264

Verse 1 All, vs 2 Women, vs 3 Men and 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**

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe.

C: **John the Baptist called all people to prepare the Lord's way for the kingdom of heaven is near.**

L: Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

C: **Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,**

L: for he is our light and our 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.

**Dismissal
Song**

O Father, you have sent your son From your unbounded grace.

A second candle we now light To honor you with praise.

Romans 15:4-13
God's promise to include Gentiles within the circle of God's blessed people has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Christians live out their unity by welcoming and encouraging each other just as Christ has welcomed them into God's family.

Reading

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in

him the Gentiles shall hope.” ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

**Advent
Gradual**
*Please stand as
you are able.*

Savior of the Nations Come

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.

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

Matthew 3:1-12
*Just before Jesus
begins his public
ministry, John the
Baptist appears,
calling people to
mend their ways
and speaking of a
powerful one who
is to come.*

Gospel

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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.**

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.*

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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Prayers of the Church

P: As we anticipate the fullness of the presence of Christ, we join with the church throughout the world, praying for all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: For the church throughout the world, for all inspired and led by the Holy Spirit,...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.*

Please be seated

✠ 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.

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: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your 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...



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

People Look East ELW #248

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: God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our 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.*

Hark the Glad Sound

ELW #239

**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

“Little” Prelude and Fugue in Bb Major BMV 560
attr./ J.S.Bach

*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. Rob Ruff
Organist	Kenneth Vigne
Choir Director	Dawn Allan
Worship Assistant	Mark Waldeland
Advent Wreath Candle Lighters	
Violin	Emily Vigne
Ushers	Ellie Holmquist and Anita Duder
Altar Servers	Carol Kuehn and Vicki Kuehn-Larson
Reader	Marty Carlson
Communion Assistants	Denise Wilkens, Debra Gilroy, Carol Kuehn
Coffee Hosts	Lara and Chanda Olson

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Ascent Group	Sanctuary
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6	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 7	10:00 am	No Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	No Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Confirmation	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8	12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10	10:00 am	Cookie Sale and Christmas Tea Set-Up	Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Christmas Tea and Cookie Sale	Fellowship Hall
	1:00 pm	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:

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; **Ruth Sabatke**, mother of Bruce Sabatke.



Katherine Mechels
12/5
Steve Hoyt 12/8

Anne Long
12/7

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.

STEWARDSHIP CARDS

For those of you who were not present at worship services on Stewardship Sunday and have not turned in your pledge, pledge cards are available in the narthex or ask one of the ushers to get one for you.

SCAN TO GIVE



***CHRISTMAS TEA AND COOKIE SALE
DECEMBER 11, 2016***



We are organizing for the Christmas Tea and Cookie sale. We need contributions of cookies (3 dozen) for the sale and we are also looking for volunteers to bring a food item and/or help out with setting up and serving the Tea. Please contact Margaret Coleman or Wendy Westerberg if you are able to help in anyway and there will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall for both the tea and cookie sale. We will be setting up for the Christmas Tea on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 10:00 and putting the cookie bags together at that time too.

***SCANDINAVIAN JULBORD
DECEMBER 18
NOON AND 4:00 P.M. SEATINGS
MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW***

Please call the church office to make your reservation for the next Scandinavian Smorgasbord. Tickets are \$32 each for adults, \$15 for children 5 to 12 years old and children under the age of 5 are free. The menu for December is posted in Fellowship Hall and by the 21st St. entrance to the church.

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS



December 11

Lessons and Carols
Christmas Tea and Cookie Sale

December 18

Children's Christmas Pageant
Santa Lucia

Traditional JULBORD
"Christmas Smorgasbord"
12:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.

December 24

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

December 25

Christmas Day
10:00 a.m.

December 26 and 27

Church Office Closed

Our Hands, God's Help

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