

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Sixth Sunday After Epiphany ✠

February 12, 2017

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We, too, are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.



*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

Andante Tranquillo from Sonata III in A Op. 65

F. Mendelssohn

Welcome

**Call to
Worship**

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Psalm 119:1-8

Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,

who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

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**

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

ELW #772

**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

Russian

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.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

Peruvian

Gloria



Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

Leader
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

All
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Leader All
To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

Leader Leader
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1 Group 1, 2
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

Music: Peruvian traditional

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✘ 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

Dismissal Song

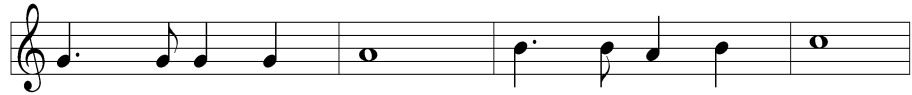
Father, We Love You



1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,
3 Spir - it,



glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth;



glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,



glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

Text: Donna Adkins
Music: GLORIFY THY NAME, Donna Adkins

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Deuteronomy **30:15-20**

The Lord sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

Reading

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.



Matthew 5:21-37
In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

Hallelujah

Caribbean

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

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

Gospel

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not

swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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.*

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #583

Prayers of the Church

P: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

A brief silence.

A: Holy Lord, you alone are God. Remove jealousy and quarreling.... 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.

God Shall Do My Advising

Dietrich Buxtehude

Anthem

*God shall do my advising, Who might with wisdom blends;
May He bless rest and rising, My efforts, means and ends!
To God, forever blest, Will I with mine confide me
And willing let Him guide me As seemeth to Him best.*

*Amen I say, not fearing That God rejects my prayer;
I doubt not He is hearing And granting me His care.
Thus I go on my way And do not look behind me,
But ply the task assigned me; God's help shall be my stay.*

El Salvadoran

Let us go now to the ban-quet, to the feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta-ble's
set and a place is wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

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Music: Guillermo Cuéllar
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Offertory
Please stand as you are able.

A: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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.

Please be seated.

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...

Swedish

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more__
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.__
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here__
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.__
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!__
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Part 1

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

Part 2

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C: 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 is ready. All are welcome.

Please be seated

O Lamb of God

Finnish

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.
O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us vi - sion grant us just - tice, grant us your own true peace. _____

Please note the repeat in the first two lines)

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.

Spirit of Gentleness ELW #396

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: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.
- 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.*

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW #547

**Sending
Hymn**

Benediction

- P: The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen, and uphold you in faith that you may be a light to the world. And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
- C: **Amen.**

Announcements

Dismissal

- P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Dance on The Ash Grove

K. Vigne

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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

Visiting Pastor
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Guest Choir Director
Worship Assistant
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Rev. Gordon Braatz
Kenneth Vigne
Debra Gilroy
Mary Sabatke
Carol Kuehn and Rebecca Morell

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		Office Manager	Linda Nelson
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Seminarian		Marty Charest	

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Scandinavian Smorgasbord	Fellowship Hall
	4:00 pm	Aaron Janse Student Recital	Sanctuary
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13	6:00 pm	Aaron Janse Student Recital	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14	5:15 pm	SA Support Group	Christy Room
	6:15 pm	Yoga	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	AA Spiritual Recovery Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Men's AA Group	Sunday School Rooms
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15		NO BIBLE STUDY	
		NO STAFF MEETING	
	7:00 pm	Confirmation	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16	12:00 pm	AI-Anon	Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17	9:15 am	LOTI Prayer Ministry	Christy Room
	6:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18	9:00 am	B. Arney Men's Group	Christy Room
	4:00 pm	Riddle/Gusman Wedding	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	3:00 pm	Aaron Janse Student Recital	Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST



thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:

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

Lucy Miller, Marlene Wilson, Maxine Peitso, Jane Schuldt, Bev Bergford, Shirley Carlson, Dawn Allan, LOTI members; Sharon Behrens, mother of Diane LaMere; Dale Wilkens, brother of Denise Wilkens; Maria Gonzalez, friend of Cheri Moe; Judy Reay and Lynne Williamson, friends of the Kuehn Family; Connor Miller, nephew, and Brian Miller, brother-in-law of Michelle McCreery and Mark Duff ; Don Powell,

friend of Rick and Suzanne Pepin, Jane Schuldt and John Fitch.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Jean Krinke 2/12

Evelyn Long 2/14

Barb Madson 2/14

*Vicki Kuehn-Larson
2/15*

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.

2017 LOTI ANNUAL REPORT

If you were unable to attend the annual congregational meeting last Sunday, copies of the annual report are available in Fellowship Hall. There is a great deal of information in there regarding statistics, ministry team reports and the 2017 budget. Please feel free to take one of the reports if you would like one.

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: 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! You

can reach me at moeclana@aol.com / PH: 952-431-5226.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

A new Women's Bible study will begin on Tuesday, February 21st for 8 weeks from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The book we will be studying is "Bad Girls of the Bible: And What We Can Learn from Them" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Ms Higgs uses fictional modern scenarios to capture her audience before she launches into the Biblical stories. Debra Gilroy, Margaret Coleman and Janna Haug will take turns leading the group. If you are interested please contact the church office at 612 377-5095 or churchoffice@loti.org.

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS



February 21

Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.

February 23

Church Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Growlers & Theology
7:30 p.m. at the Parsonage

February 26

Fastelavn Sunday
Isles Ensemble Concert 2:00 p.m.

March 1

Ash Wednesday
Service at 7:00 p.m.

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