

## Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ **First Sunday of Lent** ✠  
**March 12, 2017**

*During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as daughters and sons of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*



*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**

*Sonata in F op. 65 no. 1 mvt. 2*

*F. Mendelssohn*

**Welcome**

**Call to  
Worship**

*Please stand as  
you are able.*

### **Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**  
the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from  
this time forth forevermore.**

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**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*ELW #759*

**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.**

Throughout this season we embrace the discipline of Lent including self-examination and repentance. Therefore, let us come before God with open hearts.

## Kyrie

Chor

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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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.

*Please sing to  
the music above.*

*Christe, christe eleison*  
***Christe, christe eleison***

P: Most merciful God,

## Confession

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.**

*Please sing to  
the music above.*

*Kyrie, kyrie eleison*  
***Kyrie, kyrie eleison***

## Words of Absolution

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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.

## Children's Message

### *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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## Dismissal Song

### **Romans 4:1-5;13-17**

*In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises.*

## Reading

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

<sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

*Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.*

*Please stand as you are able.*



**John 3:1-17**  
*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

### Lenten Verse

*Refrain*

Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the  
dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.

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

### Gospel

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

<sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who

## Apostles' Creed

*Please be seated.*

## Hymn of the Day

*Please stand as you are able.*

believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**P:** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

**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.**

## Sermon

*Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.*

## *Lamb of God*

*ELW #336*

## Prayers of the Church

**P:** Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** God of Abraham and Sarah, God of all earth's families, bless your church, the earth, and.... 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 So Loved the World**

Bob Chilcott

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son  
That who so believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**Offering**

**Print Thine Image Pure and Holy**

Print thine im - age pure and ho - ly On my heart, O  
So that noth - ing high or low - ly Thy blest like - ness

Lord of Grace; Let the clear in - scrip - tion be:  
can ef - face.

Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, And the Lord of all cre - a -

tion, Be my ref - uge and sal - va - tion. A - men.

Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703  
Tr. Jens Christian Aaberg. 1877-

**Offertory**  
Please stand as you are able.

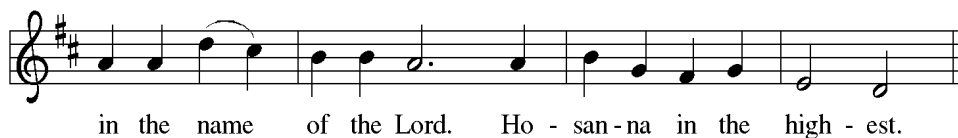
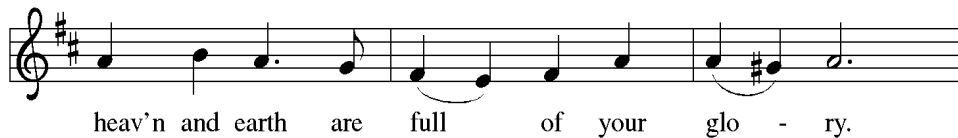
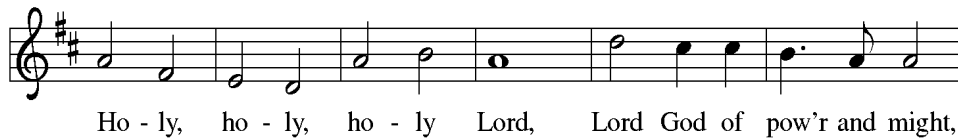
- A: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

**✠ 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...



**Words of Institution**



## Lord's Prayer

C: *(During Lent we will be using the traditional words of the Lord's Prayer.)*

**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.**

## 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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## 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.*

## *Meditation*

## **Distribution 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: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our 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 Jesus, Blessed Lord***

*ELW #541*

**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**

### ***Fugue in D Minor***

*J. Pachelbel*

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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  
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Choir Director  
Worship Assistant  
Ushers  
Altar Servers

Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug  
Kenneth Vigne  
Dawn Allan  
Kathy Hering  
Carol Kuehn and Rebecca Morell  
Carol Kuehn and Vicki Kuehn-Larson

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	Communion Servers	Margaret Coleman, Mary Sabatke and Bruce Carlson
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	Custodian	Dane Peterson
	Office Manager	Linda Nelson
	Nursery Attendant	Sheridan Swee

### CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 12</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School</b>	Sanctuary
			Sanctuary
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 13</b>	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Sanctuary
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 14</b>	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
	5:15 pm	SA Support Group	Christy Room
	6:15 pm	Yoga Class	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Library
	7:00 pm	AA Spiritual Recovery Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Men's AA Group	Sunday School Rooms
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	5:45 pm	Soup Supper	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer Service	Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Confirmation	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 16</b>	12:00 pm	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Church Council	Christy Room
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 17</b>	9:15 am	LOTI Prayer Ministry	Christy Room
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 18</b>	1:00 pm	Women's Knitting Group	Christy Room
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 19</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School</b>	Sanctuary
			Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Adult Forum – German Trip	Christy Room
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Scandinavian Smorgasbord	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Birchbark Books	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

## ***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:

**Marlene Wilson, Maxine Peitso, Jane Schuldt, Shirley Carlson, the family of Lucy Miller;** LOTI members; **Dawn Allan; Judy Reay and Lynne Williamson;** friends of the Kuehn Family; **Linda Sabatke,** sister-in-law of Bruce and Mary Sabatke; **Connor Miller,** nephew of Michelle McCreery

and Mark Duff; **Don Powell**, friend of Rick and Suzanne Pepin, Jane Schuldt and John Fitch.

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**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.

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



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**SCANDINAVIAN SMORGASBORD  
SUNDAY, MARCH 19 --12:00 NOON  
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW**

Please call the church office to make your reservation for the next Scandinavian Smorgasbord on Sunday, March 19th. Tickets are \$27 each for adults, \$12.50 for children 5 to 12 years old and children under the age of 5 are free. The menu for March is posted in Fellowship Hall and by the 21<sup>st</sup> St. entrance to the church.

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**SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR  
LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

We are serving soup and bread suppers before the Wednesday evening Holden Evening Prayer Service. **We still need volunteer families or individuals** to heat the soup, serve it and clean-up afterwards. The soup supper is served from 5:45 until 6:45 p.m. We also need volunteers to provide cookies, cupcakes or some kind of easy dessert for each of the suppers. You are welcome to team up with someone so one does the set-up and the other clean-up after the service. Sign-up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office and let Linda know if you can help out and answer any questions you might have.

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**NOTICES FROM THE CHURCH**

Please contact the church office if you are not receiving the LotiLink newsletter, funeral notices and other announcements from the church. We send many of these out through a service called Constant Contact

and if we don't have your e-mail address or we have an incorrect one, you will not be receiving these announcements. Please call Linda or e-mail her if you are not receiving these notices.

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**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS**

Order forms for Easter flowers are in your bulletin today. We have to place our estimated order by March 21 with final orders due April 4th. Please be sure to get your order in soon.

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



**March 16**

Church Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

**March 19**

Adult Forum  
11:00 a.m.  
Scandinavian Smorgasbord  
12:00 Noon

**March 19 & 23**

Birchbark Books  
Readings & Book Signings  
7:00 p.m.

**March 25**

Torsk Dinner  
5:00 a.m.

**April 2**

Caritas Concert  
3:00 p.m.

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