

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ **First Sunday of Lent** ✠
March 19, 2017

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.



*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.

Today we also remember the witness of St. Patrick, missionary to Ireland whose traditional festival date is March 17th. The special music today performed by Tom Klein marks our celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Prelude

Easter Snow/Seothin Seó

Traditional

Welcome

**Call to
Worship**

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Psalm 92

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation

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**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW #502

Verse 1 all, 2 Women, 3 Men 3, 4 Harmony, 5 and 6 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.**

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

Kyrie

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: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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

As the Deer



As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.
You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.
You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;
you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

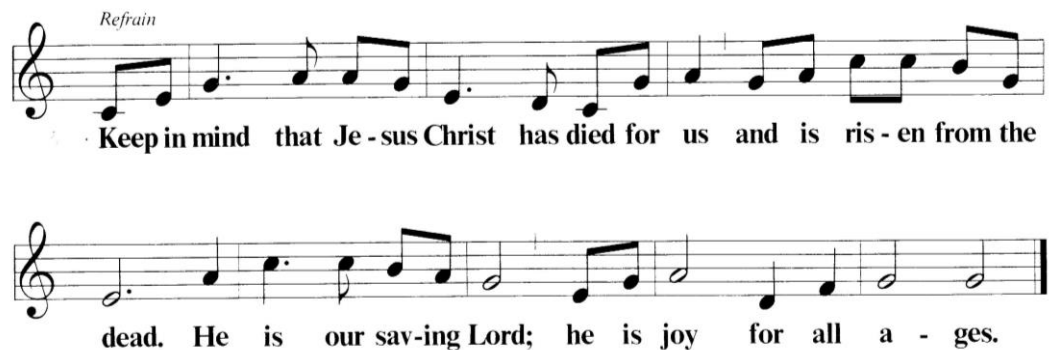
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Music: AS THE DEER, Martin J. Nystrom

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

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.

John 4:5-42
*Jesus defies
convention to
engage a
Samaritan woman
in conversation.
Her testimony, in
turn, leads many
others to faith.*

Gospel

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's

testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

Sermon

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say *ELW #611*

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: O God, let your church on earth, justified and reconciled through Jesus Christ,.. 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 neighbor*

✠ 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.

As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams

Arrangement by David Herman

*As pants the hart for cooling streams
When heated in the chase,
So longs my soul, O God, for Thee,
And Thy refreshing grace.
For you, my God, the living God,
My thirsty spirit pines;
Oh, when shall I behold your face,
Your Majesty Divine?
When trouble call another on
And gathers overhead,
Falls splashing down, till round my soul
Arising seas is spread.*

Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.

Offering

*Why restless, why cast down, my soul? Hope still, and thou shalt sing
The praise of Him who is your God, Your health's eternal spring.
For now I trust in God for strength, I trust him to employ
His love for me and change my sighs to thankful hymns of joy.*

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

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
Hymn**

*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.*

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

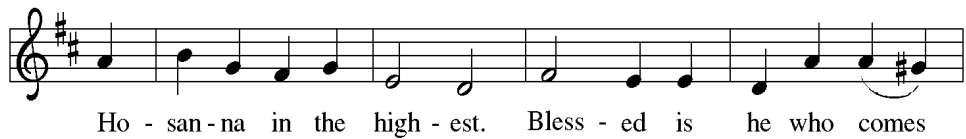
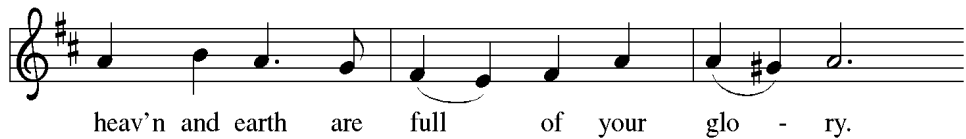
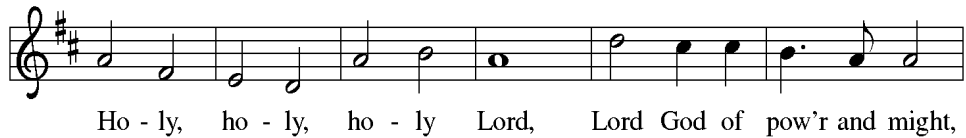
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.)*

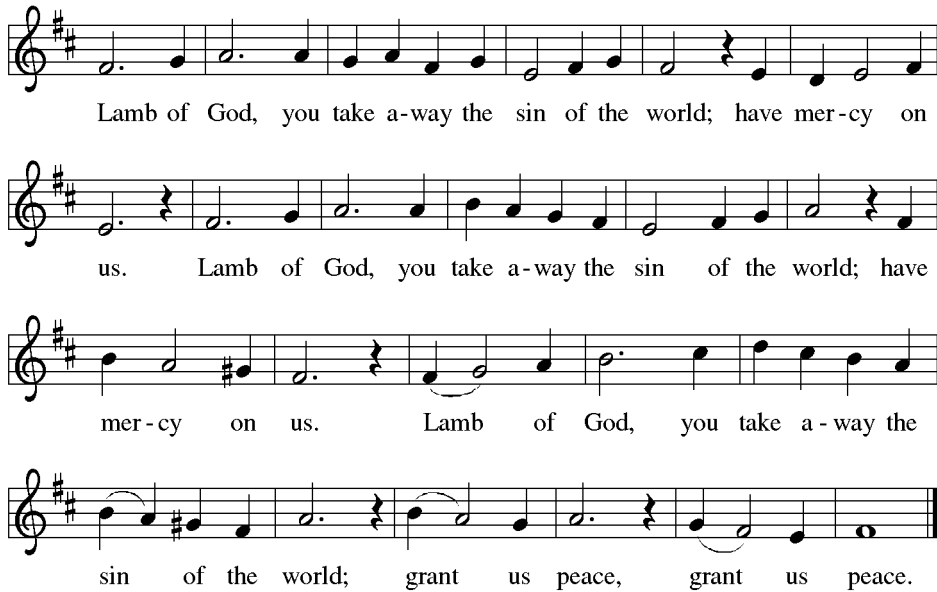
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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.

Song to the Seals

G. Bantock

**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.*

Sending Hymn

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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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

I'll Mend Your Pots and Kettles O
Green Grow the Rushes O
Oh Danny Boy

Traditional/Traditional/Weatherly

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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. Dr. Arden D. Haug
Organist	Kenneth Vigne
Choir Director	Dawn Allan
Clarinet	John Madson
Guest Musician	Tom Klein
Worship Assistant	Michelle McCreery
Ushers	Eric Mechels and Ellie Holmquist
Altar Servers	Phyllis Dahl and Linda Nelson
Reader	Pat Nortwen
Communion Servers	Mary Sabatke, Linda Nelson & Pauline Haug
Coffee Hosts	Don Holzschuh

CHURCH OFFICERS

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Children's Ministry Director	Diane LaMere
Custodian	Dane Peterson
Office Manager	Linda Nelson
Nursery Attendant	Sheridan Swee

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

9:30 am **Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School**
Sanctuary

10:40 am Coffee Hour
Sanctuary

12:00 pm Scandinavian Smorgasbord
Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Birchbark Books
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 pm AA
Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

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
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22	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
THURSDAY, MARCH 23	12:00 pm	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Birchbark Books	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY, MARCH 24	9:15 am	LOTI Prayer Ministry	Christy Room
SATURDAY, MARCH 25	9:00 pm	B. Arney Men's Group	Christy Room
SUNDAY, MARCH 26	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Christy Room
	10:45 am	Parent Summer Camp Meeting	Library
	11:00 am	First Communion Class	Library

St. Patrick's Day



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; **the Jon Gilbertson family** on the death of Jon's mother, **Carol Gilbertson; 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.

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.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Order forms for Easter flowers are in your bulletin today. Please be sure to get your flower order in by this Tuesday, March 21st.

Loved Ones In The Military

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



No Birthdays this week.

BIRCHBARK BOOKS

**READING, RECEPTION & BOOK SIGNING
AT LOTI
MARCH 19 AND 23
7:00 P.M.**

Sunday, March 19th, Birchbark Books welcomes Minnesota Anishinaabe authors Marcie Rendon and Carter Meland for a book reading, reception and signing in celebration of their debut novels. Marcie Rendon will be reading from her new mystery novel "Murder on the Red River." Carter Meland will be reading from his novel "Stories for a Lost Child."

On Thursday, March 23rd, Birchbark Books is pleased to host an evening with poet, novelist, and essayist Deena Metzger. Deena will be reading from and discussing her new novel "A Rain of Night Birds." Reception and book signing to follow the reading.

Please check their website birchbarkbooks.com/events for more information.

ANNUAL TORSK DINNER SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH 5:00 P.M.

The annual Torsk Dinner will be held at LOTI on March 25th at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Special music will be performed by the Norwegian Glee Club at 5:30 p.m. There will be an appetizer table and beverages followed by dinner. The dinner menu includes cod with butter cream sauce, potatoes, green beans, cucumber salad and dessert. **Please call the church office at 612 377-5095 or send an e-mail to churchoffice@loti.org to make your reservation now.** A sign-up sheet will be available at coffee hour today. The price is \$20 per adult and \$5 for children under the age of 12.

Proceeds from the Torsk Dinner will go to Community Emergency Services.

CARITAS VOCAL ENSEMBLE CONCERT FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SAVIOURS HOUSING SUNDAY, APRIL 2 3:00 P.M.

Caritas Vocal Ensemble is a non-profit group of choral singers with a mission. Caritas performed its first season in spring 2002 with the express purpose of

raising money and awareness for people in need. Eighty-five percent of the proceeds from the group's concerts are given to other non-profits to help fund their provision of basic human services. Since its inception, the group has raised over \$150,000 for diverse, local charitable organizations. The offering is free will and proceeds from the April 2nd concert will go to Our Saviours' Housing.

**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: 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.

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

We are serving soup and bread suppers before the Wednesday evening Holden Evening Prayer Service. **I still need volunteer families or individuals** to serve the soup and clean-up afterwards on March 22nd and March 29th. The soup supper is served from 5:45 until 6:45 p.m. The set-up is taken care of and the soup is in crock pots ready to serve. 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.

**SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES:
LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP
DANBURY, WI**

Parent information meeting Sunday, March 26 after worship. All youth Grade 1-12 are invited to come to Luther Park the week of July 23. Come and hear the details about this exciting opportunity for our LOTI youth.

**SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS DAY CAMP
JULY 17-21.**

Geared towards PreK and younger elementary kids who might not be ready for an overnight camp. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

**LOOKING FOR SOME
PRAYER/MEDITATION IDEAS FOR LENT?**

Check out the family ministry table in the Narthex (white table, back of Sanctuary). Materials are geared for all ages (youth and adult) including a prayer journal packet with lots of ideas plus some take-home prayer coloring pages.

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



Today

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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