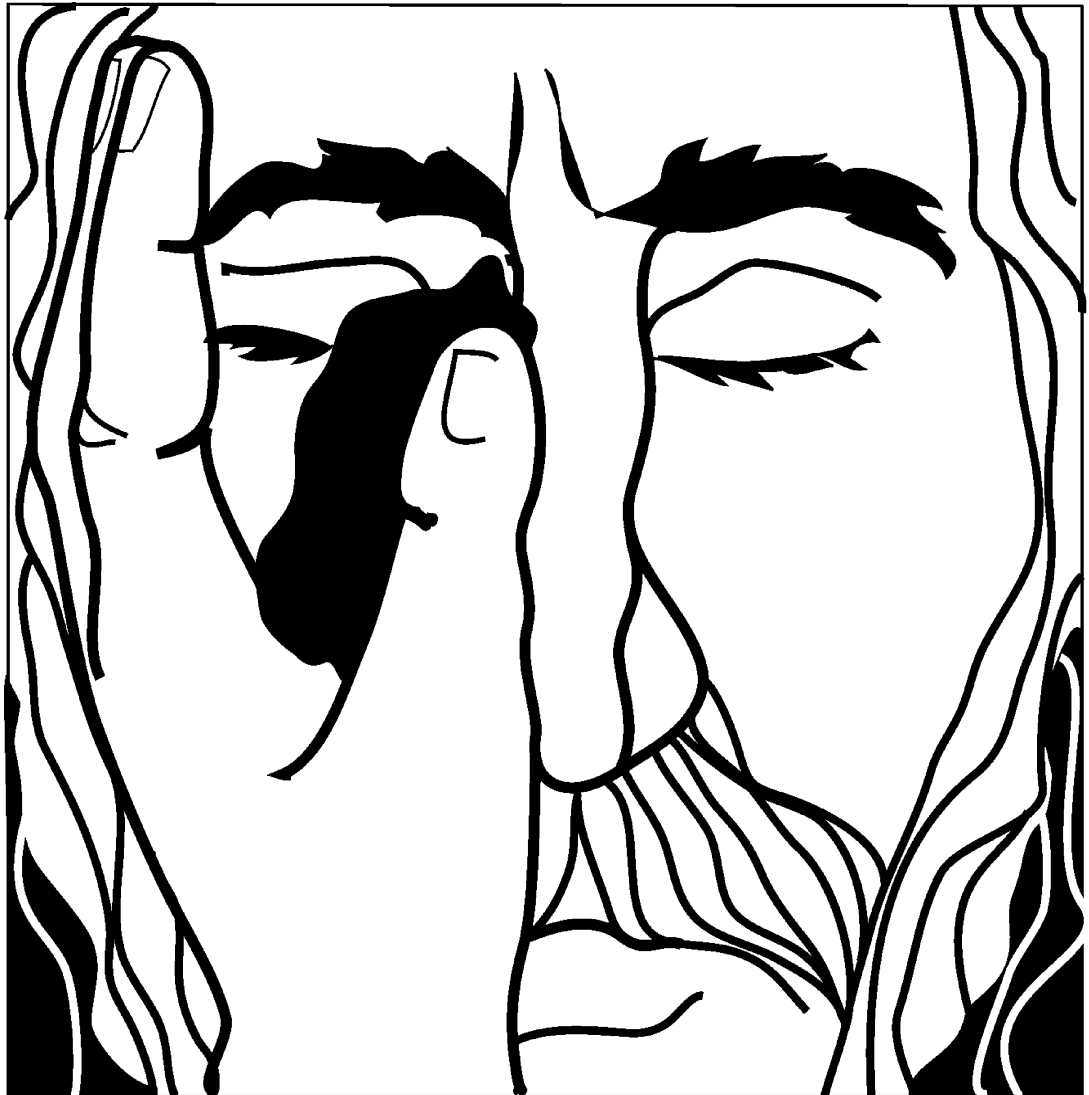


Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Fourth Sunday of Lent ✠
March 26, 2017

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, but now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved sons and daughters. In baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.



*Inspired by Christ,
living and growing in faith,
we are a loving and open community
of worship, witness, and service in God's world.*



Prelude

Welcome

**Call to
Worship**

*Please stand as
you are able.*

**Gathering
Hymn**

**Apostolic
Greeting**

**Prayer of the
Day**



✠ 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.

Trio

J. Rheinberger

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not | be in want.\

The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

ELW #510

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.**

P: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. **By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Miles Aksel Amlie Gruys

Parents: Charles and Jill Gruys

Sponsors: Mike and Teresa Starke

Presentation

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

C: I do

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.



Thanksgiving at the Font

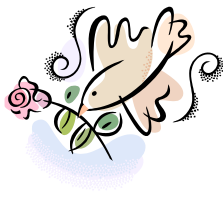
Congregation may be seated.

Baptism

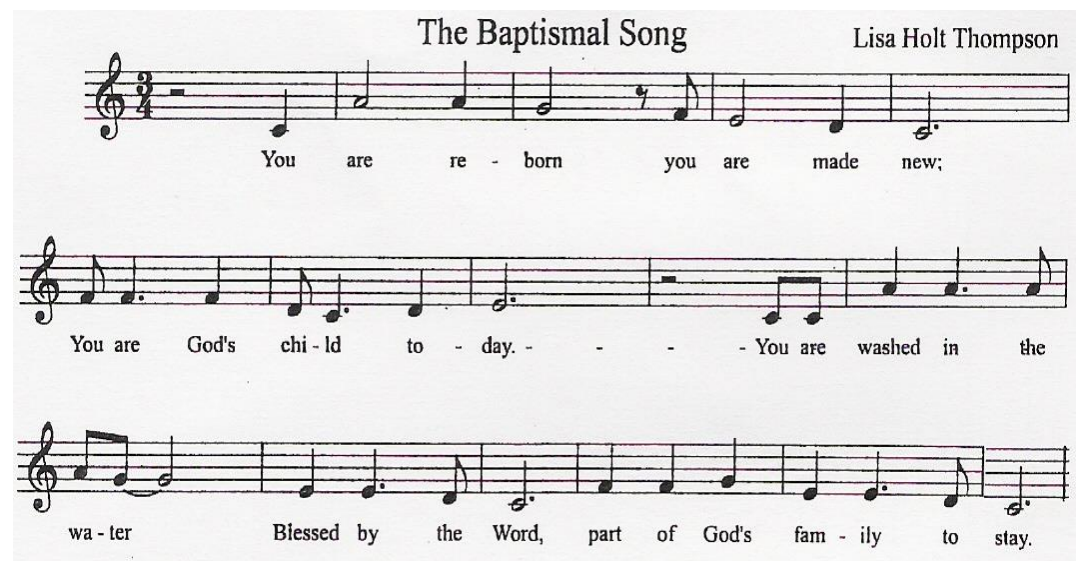
C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Baptism Hymn

(Please join in singing the refrain.)



The Baptismal Song Lisa Holt Thompson



You are re - born you are made new;

You are God's chi - ld to - day. - - - You are washed in the

wa - ter Blessed by the Word, part of God's fam - ily to stay.



✂ Word ✂

The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth 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 9:1-41
*Jesus heals a man
born blind,
provoking a
hostile reaction
that he regards as
spiritual blindness
to the things of
God.*

Gospel

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His

parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshipped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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.

Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW #779

Vs 1 All, vs 2 Women, vs 3 Men, vs 4 Harmony, vs 5 All

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 the ages, as your church prepares your table for all to celebrate..
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 ✠

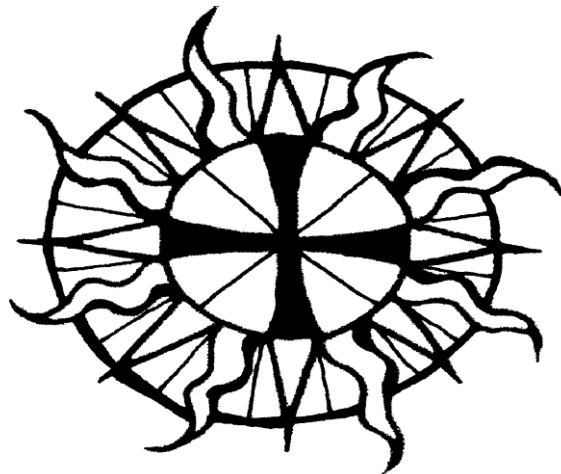
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Offering

What Wondrous Love is This

Arrangement by Evelyn R. Larter

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul?
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM -
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.



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.

✠ 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.*

**Offertory
Prayer**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

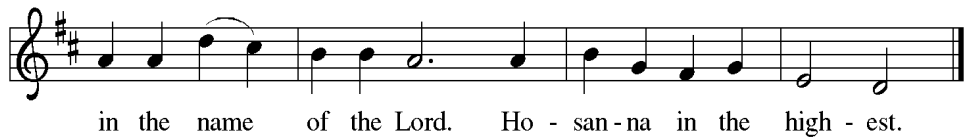
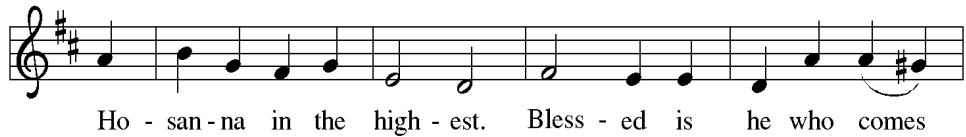
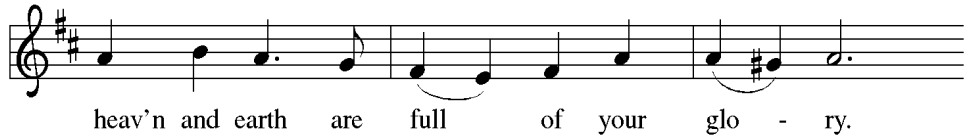
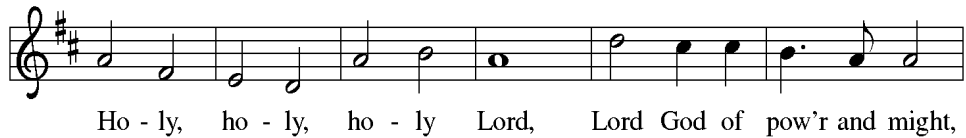
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.)*

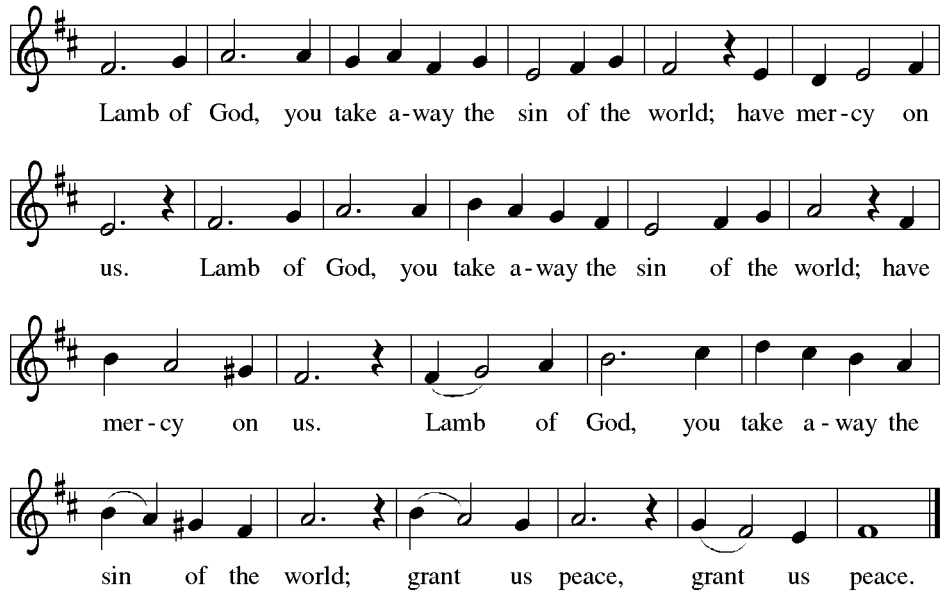
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

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.*

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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**Distribution
Music**

**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

Postlude 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	Pastor	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
	Organist	Kenneth Vigne
	Choir Director	Dawn Allan
	Violin	Emily Vigne
	Worship Assistant	Mary Sabatke
	Ushers	Linda Nelson and Mark Duff
	Altar Servers	Margaret Coleman and Kathy Hering
	Readers	Jean Carlson, David Ackerman, Eric Mechels
	Communion Servers	Debra Gilroy, Janna Haug, Denise Wilkens
	Coffee Hosts	Margaret and Sean Coleman
CHURCH OFFICERS	President	Marty Carlson
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	Treasurer	Ross Bartels
STAFF	Children's Ministry Director	Diane LaMere
	Custodian	Dane Peterson
	Office Manager	Linda Nelson
	Nursery Attendant	Sheridan Swee

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 26	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	10:45 am	Parent Summer Camp Meeting	Library
	11:00 am	First Communion Class	Library
MONDAY, MARCH 27	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, MARCH 28	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 29	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 30	12:00 pm	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
	7:30 pm	Growlers & Theology	Parsonage
FRIDAY, MARCH 31	9:15 am	LOTI Prayer Ministry	Christy Room
SATURDAY, APRIL 1	9:30 am	Priscilla Circle	Christy Room
SUNDAY, APRIL 2	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Christy Room
	3:00 pm	Caritas Concert	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:

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.

A \$3 donation is requested. Please join us for dinner before the 7:00 service.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



<i>Henry Arent 3/26</i>	<i>John Fitch 3/26</i>
<i>Anna Wilkens 3/26</i>	<i>Charles Jacoby 3/27</i>
<i>Sarah Rand 3/27</i>	<i>Eivor Lund 3/29</i>
<i>Jennifer Lundblad 4/1</i>	

GROWLERS AND THEOLOGY

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 P.M.

Please join us for the informal study of theology and "adult beverages" on Thursday, March 30th. Following the model of Luther in his home in Wittenberg, Germany, Pastor Haug will lead the group on Thursday, March 30th at the parsonage. Please RSVP at pastor@loti.org.

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.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

We are serving soup and bread suppers before the Wednesday evening Holden Evening Prayer Service. The soup supper is served from 5:45 until 6:45 p.m.

OUR SAVIOUR'S HOUSING

The dates available for 2017 are: June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, and November 3.

Please let Cheri Moe 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.

CARITAS VOCAL ENSEMBLE CONCERT FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SAVIOURS HOUSING

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 AT 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.

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.

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.

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS



March 30

Growlers and Theology
7:30 p.m.

April 1

Priscilla Circle
9:30 a.m.
In the Christy Room

April 2

Caritas Concert
3:00 p.m.

April 9

Palm Sunday Service
9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast
10:30 a.m.

April 13

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal
6:00 p.m.

April 14

Good Friday Service
7:00 p.m.

April 15

Easter Vigil
8:30 p.m.

April 16

Easter Sunday Services
9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Easter Scandinavian Smorgasbord
12:00 Noon

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