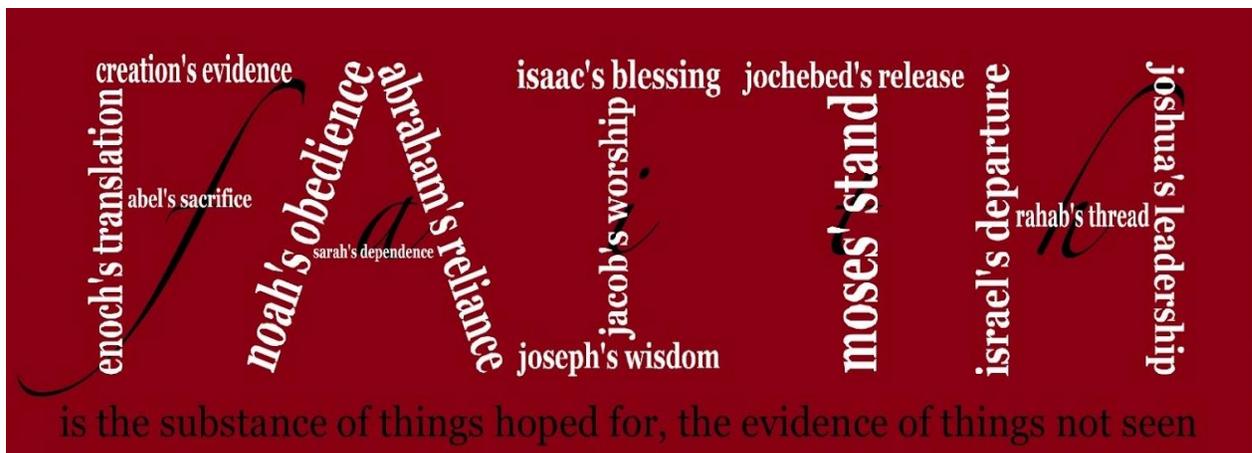


Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ✠ July 9, 2017

Sarah was the wife of the Patriarch Abraham and the mother of Isaac. She is remembered in scripture as the barren wife of Abraham who laughed when she heard the word from the holy messengers that she should give birth to a child. She is known as well for her hospitality.



This morning Pastor Haug continues his summer sermon series based on the Hebrews 11, often known as "The Hall of Faith." The chapter recalls the Old Testament characters who lived "by faith." The author of the Book of Hebrews suggests that these are the mighty cloud of witnesses who stand in the "bleachers of heaven" who cheer us on in our faith.

This Sunday we focus on the character of Sarah.

*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

Festspel

G. Larsson

Welcome

**Call to
Worship**

Psalm 86

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer 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**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW # 834

**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**

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Joseph Arthur Fjelstad

Parents: Peter and Ashley Fjelstad

Sponsors: Lucinda and Grant Gardner

Allison Fjelstad



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.

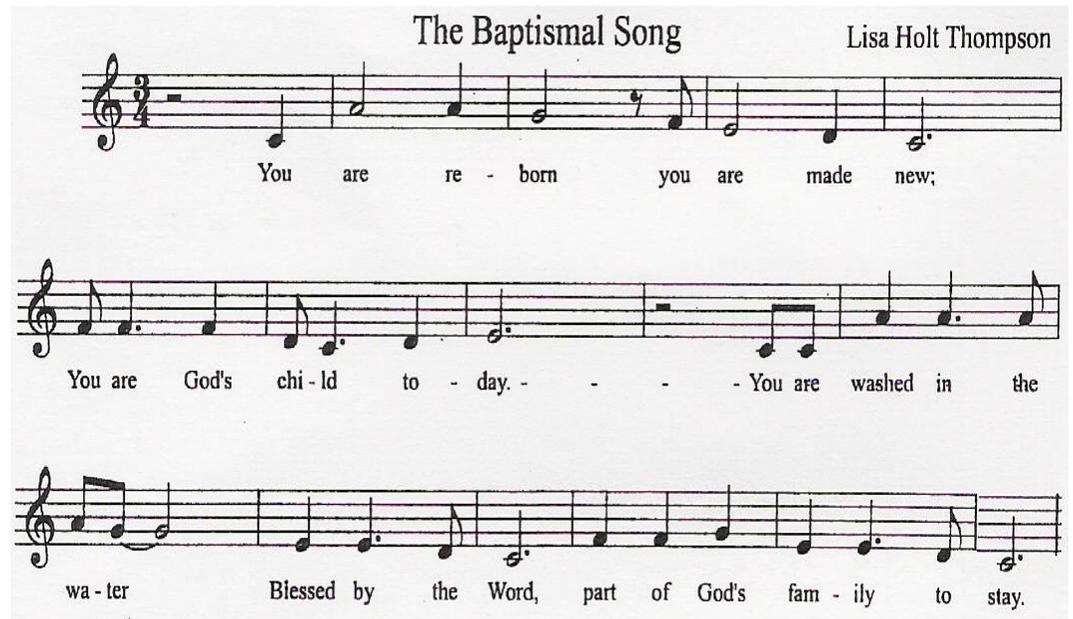
Baptism

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.*

Genesis 17: 15-22
God promises Sarah that she will conceive a son.

Reading

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" And Abraham said to God, "O that Ishmael might live in your sight!" God said, "No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year." And when he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.



Sing twice.

Gospel Verse

Refrain



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Text: Psalm 119:105, Amy Grant, b. 1960
Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 11:25-30
Jesus thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

Gospel

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Congregation, please be seated

Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.



Please be seated

Offering

Sermon

By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

Hebrews 11:11-12

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW #798

Prayers of the Church

- P: Called together in the Spirit’s embrace, let us pray for the mending of God’s world.
- A: Humble God, lead your church in the way of service. Prosper the work of campus ministries... 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.

Hemma (At Home)

Björn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson

I remember a day out at sea, towards us came a lonely ship. I stood and watched by the railing, on the ship's stern there fluttered a banner. There waved the Swedish flag, and I thought of those men and women there on the ship, making our way past them. We sailed away, they sailed home, At home", where might that be? Can somebody give an answer? Now it's midsummer and there's dancing at mum's and dad's.

A place where I can be still, where nobody comes trampling in. I will make me my own home, for me and for my man, and for our young ones and, think, at last we'll get to rest, get to sleep in our own bed. Yes, we shall take you to a place where you will get to rest. Soon you will get to come home. "At home", where might that be? Who can give an answer? Now it is midsummer and there's dancing at mum's and dad's.

The road we travel carries us away, never back. "At home" where might that be, who could give an answer? Yes, we shall take you to a place where you will get to rest. Soon you will get to come home.

Offertory
Please stand as you are able.

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith
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Offertory Prayer

- A: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through 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...

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



2.



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Music: Per Harling
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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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



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.

Text: Martin J. Nystrom
Music: AS THE DEER, Martin J. Nystrom

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Min astrakan

Björn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson

All is still, all is fine, you were carried over an ocean in the warmth of your mother on your thousand-mile journey. Boundless safety you got to have until you were suddenly cast out in this dangerous, unfamiliar world.

Sometime you will ask your mum how it was, how it happened that I traveled; "Is that place still there now, which was your home?", you will ask. For as long as my heart can beat, it is still there, it will always remain, beyond this New World, which saw you fed, my friend. There grow apples there still, beyond a wide ocean there stands my astrakan.

Yes, sometime you will ask your mum how it was, how it happened that I traveled; "Is that place still there now, which was your home?" you will ask.



Communion Verse



Distribution Music

*For as long as my heart can beat, it is still there, it will always remain,
beyond this New World, which saw you fed, my friend.
There grow apples there still, beyond a wide ocean*

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: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore

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.*

Faith of our Fathers

ELW #813

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord makes his 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 Det Fria
(The Freedom Lives Within Me)

Quartet and Piano

F. Kempe

*Please stand as
you are able.*



Sending Hymn

Here is the place where the road ends, over summer fields and under the bare sky. Here is the place where the path leads us. Here is the ground where I sit. The ground and rocks sing to me about the paths that led me here. Here where the woods never end on the field where we trod.

Into the free, into the free I lose all the words I have inside. I have music all around me. Birds in the trees, flowers mark the way home.

Into the free, into the free, I lose all the words I have inside.

Here is the place where stories begin, that I will always carry with me wherever I wander in the world.

Here amongst the flowers, the summer fields of freedom live inside me. The freedom lives within me.

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 Guest Organist/Pianist Pianist Choir Director Baptism Song Worship Assistant Ushers Altar Servers Reader Communion Assistant Coffee Host	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug Lisa Sandstedt Cindy Huttner Dawn Allan Mark Waldeland and Kathy Hering Mark Waldeland Carol Kuehn and Rebecca Morell Carol Kuehn and Vicki Kuehn-Larson David Ackerman Debby Pizarro Don Holzschuh
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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 9	9:30 am 10:40 am 10:45 am	Worship with Holy Communion Coffee Hour Speaker Series	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall or Patio Christy Room
MONDAY, JULY 10	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Spicy Opera Rehearsal AA	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, JULY 11	9:15 am 5:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Ministry SA Support Group AA Spiritual Recovery Group LOTI Men's AA Group	Christy Room Christy Room Christy Room Room 56

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	5:30 pm	Spicy Opera Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, JULY 13	12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 pm	Opera Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY, JULY 14	5:30 pm	Spicy Opera Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY, JULY 16	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall or Patio
	2:00 pm	K. Strobel Violin/Viola 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:

Marlene Wilson, Maxine Peitso, Shirley Carlson, LOTI members; **Lynne Williamson;** friend of the Kuehn Family; **Linda Sabatke,** sister-in-law of Bruce and Mary Sabatke; **Emmie Burton,** friend of Bruce and Mary Sabatke; **Connor Miller,** nephew of Michelle McCreery and Mark Duff; **Maria Gonzalez and Jackie Waite,** friends of Cheri Moe..

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>Leah Berkland 7/9</i>	<i>Samson Wolke 7/9</i>
<i>Bruce Carlson 7/11</i>	<i>Bruce Kuehn 7/14</i>
<i>Susan Kinder 7/15</i>	

ELECTRONIC GIVING

SCAN TO GIVE



NURSERY AVAILABLE

Children are always welcome in worship. The nursery will not be staffed over the summer months so if you need to take your child out, the Christy Room is available. 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.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP MATERIALS

Children are invited to use the worship materials throughout the service. Materials are located in the narthex and are organized by age group.

OUR SAVIOUR'S HOUSING

There is only one date we now need for volunteers to serve the meal at Our Saviour's and that date is **August 4**. Please let Cheri Moe know if you would be able to serve the people at Our Saviour's on this particular date so Cheri will have the schedule for the year in place. Thank you! You can reach Cheri at moeclana@aol.com / PH: 952-431-5226

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us this summer for Wednesday morning Bible Study at 10:00. The informal study will explore the Old Testament character found in the Hall of Faith, as well as readings from the Book of Psalms. And yes, coffee and treats are a part of every Wednesday morning.

SPEAKER SERIES ON "WORKING"

"Working" is the theme of a new speaker series that will start this summer and run through the course of the next year. It's inspired by the Studs Terkel book of that name in which "people talk about what they do all day and how they feel about what they do." There

are many people within our congregation engaged in fascinating work. This series will give us an opportunity to learn more about what they do.

The sessions will take place after a brief coffee break following the Sunday morning service once a month.

Those who are interested in the speaker series will be invited to take their coffee/tea into the Christy Room for about 45 minutes. The first 15-20 minutes will be an informal talk by the speaker about the work they do...leaving the remaining time for questions from those in attendance.

Our first speaker will be Dr. Brenda Weigel on Sunday, July 9th. Dr. Weigel is a pediatric hematologist-oncologist and is affiliated with the University of Minnesota Medical Center. Dr. Weigel is currently the Director of the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology. She is also a professor at the University of Minnesota's Cancer Center and the Department of Pediatrics, and the recipient of the Lehman/Children's Cancer Research Fund Endowed Chair in Pediatric Cancer.

PAINT-A-THON - AUGUST 5, 2017

As part of our outreach program, LOTI is once again sponsoring a house for the annual Paint-A-Thon charity event. This is a great tradition where we paint the house of a deserving senior citizen and help keep them in their house. We need volunteers willing to help with prepping and/or painting a house located in NE Minneapolis. The main painting day is scheduled for August 5th (with August 6th as the backup day in case of rain). The prior week we will be doing prep work if that works better for your schedule. Contact Lars Olson at [612-212-0346](tel:612-212-0346) or larsols1@gmail.com to volunteer.

WEEDS AND PUPPY DOG TAILS

Join us on Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00 in the church flower beds. Then be rewarded with "a puppy dog tail."

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, the church office will close at noon on Fridays.

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



August 5
Twin Cities Paint-A-Thon

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M-T 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fridays 9:00 a.m. to Noon

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