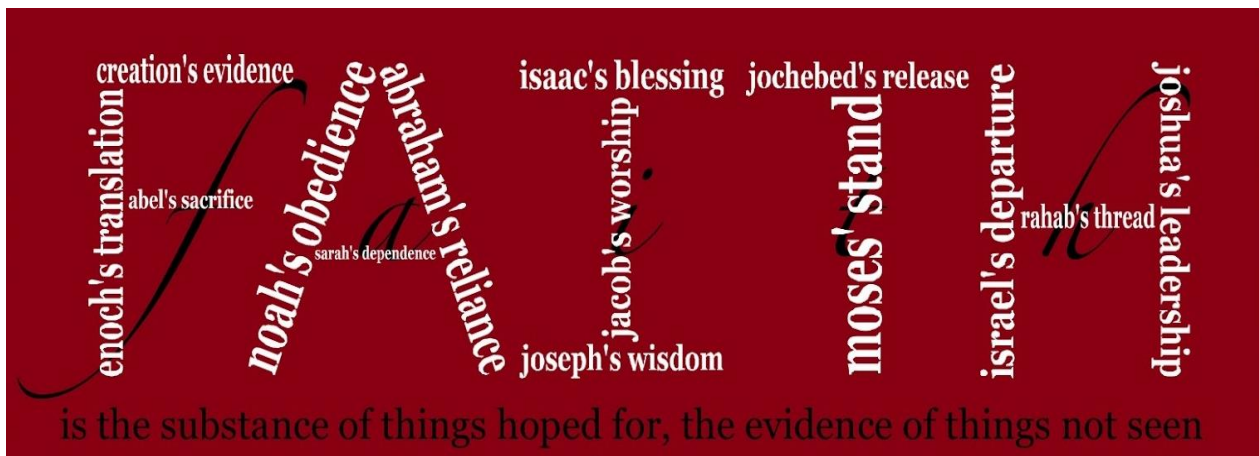


Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ✠ August 20, 2017

According to the book of Joshua, when the Hebrews were encamped in the Jordan Valley opposite Jericho, Joshua sent out two spies to investigate the military strength of Jericho. The spies stayed in Rahab's house, which was built into the city wall. The soldiers sent to capture the spies asked Rahab to bring out the spies. Instead, she hid them under bundles of flax on the roof. After escaping, the spies promised to spare Rahab and her family after taking the city, even if there should be a massacre, if she would mark her house by hanging a red cord out the window. When the city of Jericho fell, Rahab and her whole family were preserved according to the promise of the spies, and were incorporated among the Jewish people.



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 Rahab.

*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**

**Gathering
Hymn**

**Apostolic
Greeting**

**Prayer of the
Day**

Please be seated.



✠ 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.*

The Swan

C. Saint-Saens

Psalm 107

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from
the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their
distress;

He led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to
humankind.

For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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

Christ, Whose Glory Fill the Skies

ELW #553

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.**

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of
our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that
we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Clara Catherine Lawrence

Parents: Terryn and Michael Lawrence

Sponsors: Barb and Juri Vanags

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 child 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.*

**Joshua 2:1-183a,
14-25**

*The story of
Rahab models the
act of hospitality.*

Reading

Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” So they went, and entered the house of a harlot whose name was Rahab, and spent the night there. The king of Jericho was told, “Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land.” Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come only to search out the whole land.” But the woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, “True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from. And when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them.” She had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof. So the men pursued them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

Before they went to sleep, she came up to them on the roof and said to the men: “I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that dread of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before you. For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites that were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. As soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no courage left in any of us because of you. The Lord your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below. Now then, since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to me by the Lord that you in turn will deal kindly with my family. Give me a sign of good faith that you will spare my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.” The men said to her, “Our life for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then we will deal kindly and faithfully with you when the Lord gives us the land.”

Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the outer side of the city wall and she resided within the wall itself. She said to them, “Go toward the hill country, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterward you may go your way.” The men said to her, “We will be released from this oath that you have made us swear to you if we invade the land and you do not tie this crimson cord in the window through which you let us down, and you do not gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your family.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.



Sing twice.

Matthew 15:21-28
At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter, that Jesus is "the Messiah, the son of the living God."

Congregation, please be seated

Hymn of the Day
Please stand as you are able.

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

Gospel

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was^l the Messiah.

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

Sermon

By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

Hebrews 11:31

We Are Called
ELW #720

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayers of the Church

P: Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
A: God our rock, provide a strong foundation for your church on earth. Unite it in joyful...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.**



Please be seated
Offering

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.

The Wings of a Dove

arr. L. Comstock

✠ 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.

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!

Text: Henry Smith
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. **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...



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!

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

2.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1948
 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.



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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Adagio for Viola and Organ

K. Vigne

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.**

Please be seated

Communion Verse



Distribution Music

Please stand as you are able.



✠ 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.*

In Christ There is No East or West
ELW #650

Sending Hymn

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

Allegro

A. Corelli

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**

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall or Patio
	10:45 am	Sunday School Parent Meeting	Library
MONDAY, AUGUST 28	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29	9:15 am	Prayer Ministry	Christy Room
	5:15 pm	SA Support Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	AA Spiritual Recovery Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	LOTI Men's AA Group	Room 56
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, AUGUST 31	12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Shelter Meal	
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	9:30 am	Priscilla Circle	
	9:45 am	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	4:00 pm	St. Germain/Petrikov Wedding	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall or Patio
	4:00 pm	Gilligan/Eppel Wedding	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, Alice Gunter, 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; **Maria Gonzalez and Jackie Waite,** friends of Cheri Moe; **Sam Pederson,** nephew of Jenny Cook.

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.

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. Follow the signs for the alternative route to the Nursery from the back of the church. 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.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

SCAN TO GIVE



Loved Ones In The Military

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



Mary Abbe Hintz 8/27
Beth Morrison 8/30

Maggi Seybold 8/29
Henrik Olson 8/31

Elizabeth Robertson Magnus Skold 9/1
9/1

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN**

It's time to register for Sunday School! We are looking forward to starting Sunday School on Rally Sunday, September 10. Sunday School is offered for children who are age 3 by September 1 through those entering 6th grade. Registration can be done online by going to the website (www.lotl.org) or you can pick up registration forms at both entrances to the sanctuary.

**PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
10:45 A.M.**

The annual pie and ice cream social will be held on September 10th. We will need pie donations and volunteers to help set up, serve and clean-up afterwards. Please e-mail or call Linda in the church office (612 377-5095) (linda.nelson@lotl.org) if you can contribute a pie and/or help out that morning.

2018 TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Pastor Haug has worked together with Group Travel Directors for a 12 day trip to the Holy Land from February 27th to March 10, 2018. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, September 10th. Brochures for the trip are available at the church. You can also view the tour on line at <http://www.gtd.org/post/pdfbrochure/180208.pdf>

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.

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."

**EXTENDED CALENDAR
OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES**

& Events



August 27

Blessing of the backpacks

Sunday School Parent Meeting
After Worship at 10:45 a.m.
In Library

September 5

Sunday School New Teacher Training
7:00-8:00 p.m.

September 10

Rally Sunday and
Pie and Ice Cream Social

September 10

Informational Meeting
2018 Trip to the Holy Land
4:00 p.m.

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