

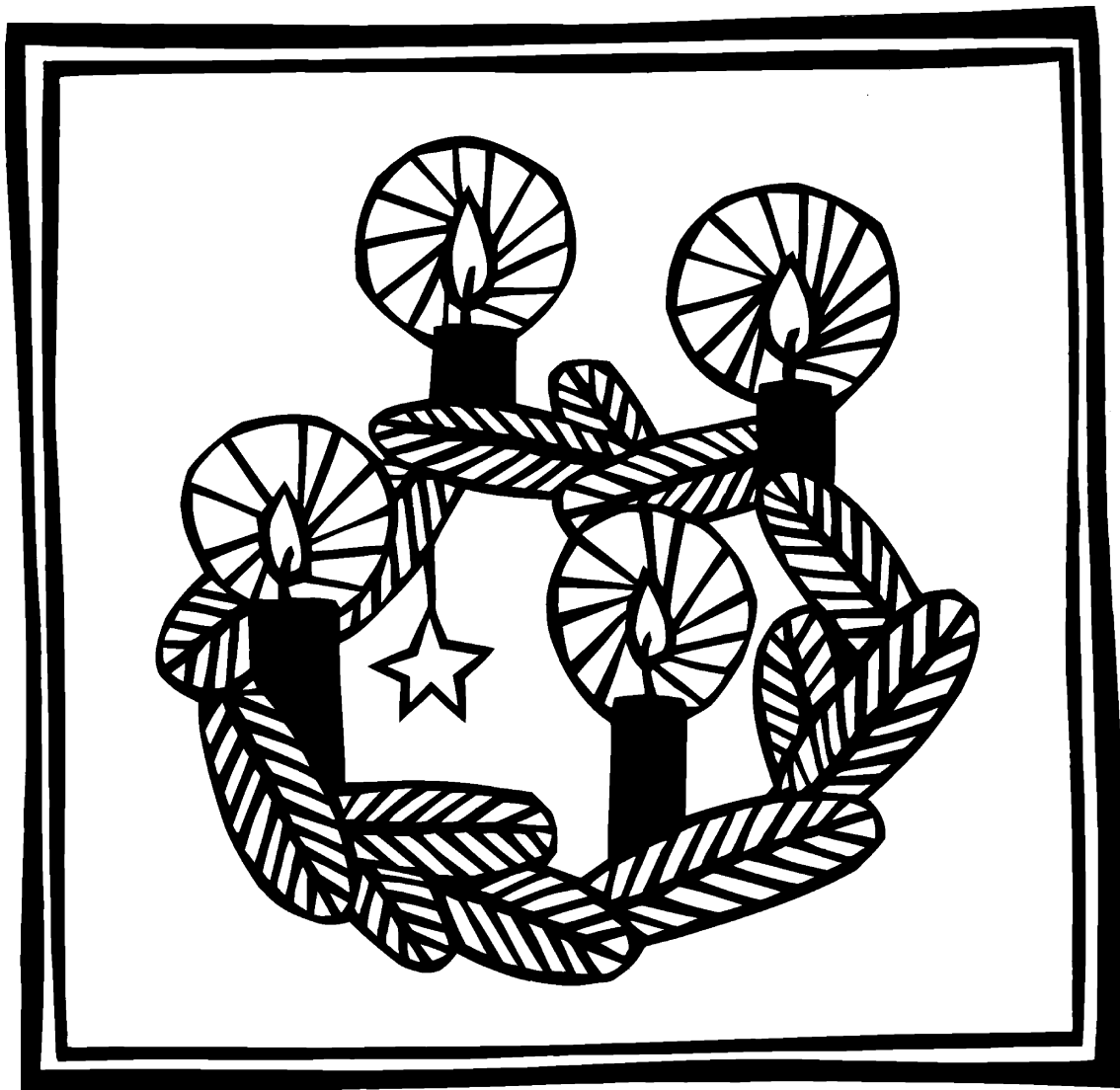
Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✘ Second Sunday of Advent ✘

A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

December 10, 2017

This morning, we follow again the familiar English pattern of a Festival Service of Lessons and Carols. The worship reflects an order similar to the service that was written for Christmas Eve in 1918 by the Dean of King's College, Cambridge, Eric Milner-White. This Advent service, however, recalls the promises offered in the books of the Old Testament prophets as a hope in the midst of the world's waiting.



*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 *Traditional Carols from the British Isles and France*

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

**C: Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would
break forth in the wilderness.**

L: Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

C: Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

L: May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and our salvation.

C. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Advent Song

Dear Jesus lead us to your bed, In Bethlehem we pray.

A candle we shall light, O Lord, To Guide us on our way.

Our Father, you have sent your son From your unbounded grace.

A second candle we now light To honor you with praise.

An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

Once in Royal David's City

Solo: Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

Choir: He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior Holy.

Choir: And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav'n above;
And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.

Please stand as you are able.

**All: Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned, All in white shall wait around.**

Bidding Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Beloved in Christ, be it this season of Advent our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels: in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:

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.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-8

The Prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem*Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree**Philip Stopford***Second Lesson***Jeremiah 23:5-6**The Lord promises to send his people a righteous King*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

All O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell Thy people save And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel

Third Lesson*Isaiah 9:2-7**Christ' birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem*Suo GanK.**L Scott*

Fourth Lesson

Micah 5:2-4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me, one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, and the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the one of peace.

Please stand as you are able.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

All O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Please be seated.

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Anthem

The Angel Gabriel

Herman Schroeder

Sixth Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6, 19

The prophet in exile foresees the coming glory of the Lord.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

All Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Please be seated.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Bridget Jane Fleck

Parents: Chris and Brittany Fleck

Sponsors: Betsy Oslund
Scott Offerman

Ryker James Alden

Parents: Matthew & Jenna Alden

Sponsors: Michael Schwakopf
Joshua Green

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.

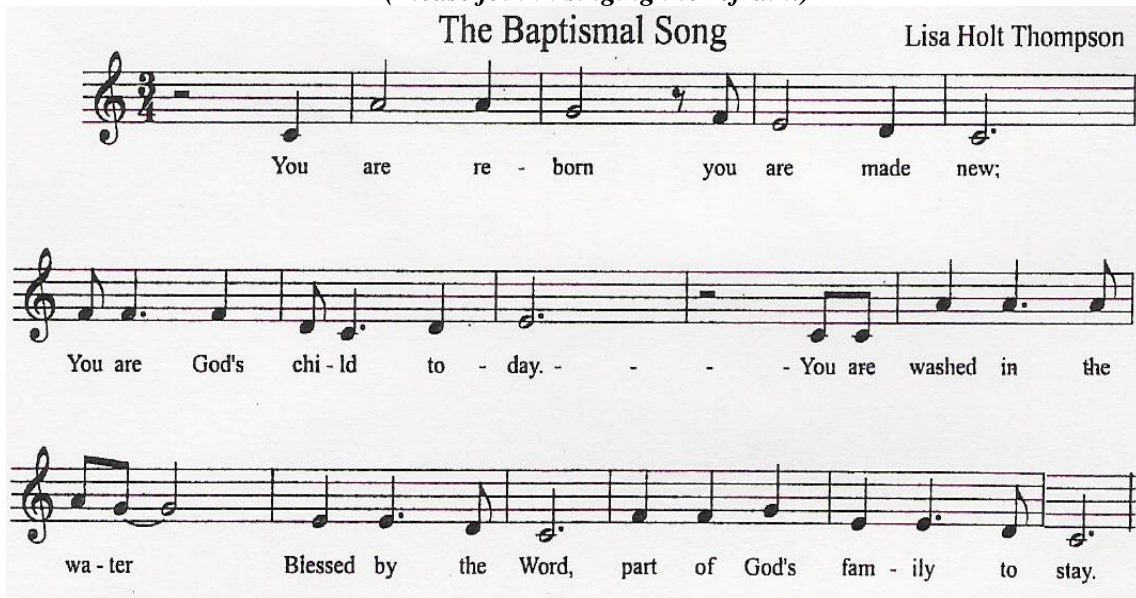
Baptism

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



(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.

✘ 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.

Offering *Traditional Carols from the British Isles and France*

✘ 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.**

Holy God, as you once visited us in the birth of Jesus, visit us now by the power of your Spirit in these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of Christ, the banquet of heaven here on earth.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Blessed God, shed your grace brighter than starlight on us that we may bear your good tidings to all and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel – God-With-Us, to whom we give honor and glory in joy, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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.

Traditional Carols from the British Isles and France

Please stand as you are able.

Collect for Advent

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

O Come All Ye Faithful

All: Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come, ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the king of angels:

Refrain:

Oh come, let us adore him, oh, come let us adore him,
Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
on of the Father now in flesh appearing!

Refrain.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
 Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
 Glory to God... In...the .. highest:

Refrain.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee born this happy morning,
 Jesus, to thee be... glory giv'n!
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

Postlude

Dance on Adeste Fideles

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. Arden D. Haug
	Organist	Kenneth Vigne
	Choir Director	Dawn Allan
	Worship Assistant	Mary Sabatke
	Guest Musicians	Ben Alle, trumpet, Laura MacKenzie, flute and Andrea Stern, harp
	Baptism Song	Kathy Hering and Mark Waldeland
	Ushers	Carol Kuehn and Rebecca Morell
	Advent Wreath Candle Lighters	The Hovda Family
	Acolyte	Jacob Hovda
	Altar Servers	Carol Kuehn and Vicki Kuehn-Larson
	Readers	Mary Sabatke, Steve Hoyt, David Ackerman, David Hagford and Janna Haug
	Communion Assistants	Debra Gilroy, Denise Wilkens, and Mary Knoblauch
	Coffee Hosts	Christmas Tea
CHURCH OFFICERS	President	Martin Carlson
	Vice President	Ross Formell
	Treasurer	Ross Bartels
STAFF	Children’s Ministry Director	Diane LaMere
	Caretaker	Dane Peterson
	Office Manager	Linda Nelson
	Nursery Attendant	Sheridan Swee

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:45 am	Christmas Tea	Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11	7:45 am	Kenwood School Rehearsals	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12	9:15 pm	Prayer Ministry	Christy Room
	5:15 pm	SA Support Group	Christy Room
	6:00 pm	Children’s Opera Rehearsals	Sanctuary

	7:00 pm	AA/SR Group	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Men's AA Group	Room 56
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13	7:45 am	Kenwood School Rehearsals	Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Bible Study	Library
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Children's Opera Rehearsals	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Confirmation	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14	7:45 am	Kenwood School Rehearsals	Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Children's Opera Rehearsals	Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm	Children's Opera Rehearsals	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Library
	6:00 pm	Growlers & Theology Christmas Gathering	Parsonage
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16	10:00 am	Sunday School Program Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	12:00 pm	Children's Opera Production	Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	Wilhelm Student Recital	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion	Sanctuary
		Sunday School Program and Santa Lucia	
	10:30 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	12:00 pm	Julbord	Fellowship Hall
	4:00 pm	Julbord	

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, Shirley Carlson, Carol Kuehn, Remi Pizarro, LOTI members; **John Slama**, -son-in-law of Ellie Holmquist, **Judy Bigelow; Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jenny Cook; **Vangie Hagfors**, cousin of Dave Hagford. **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn.

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. There is an alternate route to take from the narthex—follow the signs. 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Carol Kuehn 12.11

Emily Melbye 12/16

THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY

End of the year gifts to LOTI must be received by Sunday, December 31st.

FAITH 'N PLAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:30 TO 10:30 A.M.

This new faith opportunity is designed for families with toddlers and pre-schoolers. What is Faith 'n

Play? We will do just that - practice faith together and play in the story. It will be a very hands-on and interactive experience for parent and child together. Please RSVP to Diane LaMere (diane.lamere@loti.org) if you can come to our second gathering on December 12.

***SIGN UP NOW TO SERVE A MEAL AT
OUR SAVIOUR'S HOUSING***

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church has provided a meal for 40 the first Friday of every month for many years. This is a wonderful opportunity for families or a group of friends. Check your calendars and pick a month now for 2018. You can reserve your month by calling or emailing Cheri Moe (952-431-5226, moeclana@aol.com). She can provide you with recipes for a crowd. If you are a Thrivent member, you can apply for a Thrivent Action grant that will cover the cost of the meal as well as some left over to purchase the supplies that Our Saviour's is always in need of.

***REALLY SPICY OPERA
PRESENTS
AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS
AT LOTI ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16.
12:00 P.M.***

One night in Judea, a disabled shepherd boy (Amahl) and his mother are confronted by crushing poverty. Suddenly, there is a knock on the door the Three Kings, following the Star of Bethlehem in search of the Christ Child, ask to take shelter with the family for the night. The brief encounter changes all of their lives forever. Kid-friendly, complete with an all-female cast and puppets!

Tickets: \$20 Adult / \$10 Children ages 3-18.

Free – Children under 3

Purchase online at <https://amahlspice.bpt.me> or at the door.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers on **Monday morning, December 11** to set up Christmas trees in the sanctuary and volunteers needed on **Tuesday morning, December 12** to decorate the trees. Please be at the church by 10:00 a.m. Call the church office and let us know you will be helping.

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



December 12
Faith & Play
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

December 14
Growlers and Theology Christmas Gathering
6:00 p.m. at the Parsonage

Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. /Library

December 16
Sunday School Christmas
Program Rehearsal
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Amahl and the Nigh Visitors Children's Opera
12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

December 17
Children's Christmas Pageant
Santa Lucia

Traditional JULBORD
"Christmas Smorgasbord"
Noon seating is full
Seating at 4:00 still available
Call the church office

December 24
Sunday Worship Service/No Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve
Family Service at 4:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service at 10:00 p.m.

December 25
Church Office Closed for Christmas Day

December 31
Sunday Worship Service/No Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

God's Help, Our Hands
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