

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Third Sunday of Advent ✠

December 17, 2017

John called people to repent, to clear the decks, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing would get in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this radical call: the assurance of forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will be gentle with the little ones. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices fearlessly and say, "See, your God is coming!" We say it to one another in worship, in order to say it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.



*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

Penitential Rite

Please stand as you are able.

Kyrie

✠ 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.

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

K. Vigne

✠ Confession and Forgiveness ✠

P: Throughout the season of Advent we prepare ourselves to receive the King of glory anew. Therefore, let us come before God with open hearts.

1,3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.

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. **Amen.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Confession

P: Most merciful God,
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.**

Word of Absolution

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Gathering
Hymn**

**Apostolic
Greeting**

**Prayer of the
Day**

Please be seated.



**Dismissal
Song**

Isaiah 40:1-5
*In grand, flowing,
poetic lines, the
prophet
announces that the
exile of God's
people in Babylon
is over.*

Prepare the Royal Highway

*ELW # 264, vs 1 All, vs 2 Women, vs 3, Men, vs 4 All
All voices sing the Refrain*

- 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: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. **By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- L: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."
- C: **We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**
- L: "The Lord says to his servant, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'"
- Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.
- C: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

*Dear Jesus lead us to your bed, In Bethlehem we pray.
A candle we shall light, O Lord, To Guide us on our way.*

*O Father, you have sent your son From your unbounded grace.
A second candle we now light To honor you with praise.*

*O Holy Spirit, you appeared As fire and heav'nly dove,
Your prophet calls us to the light. Come fill us with your love.*

Reading

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak 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. ³A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every 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. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Lucia Processional

(Sung by the Choir and repeated by congregation as a recessional)

*Into our hearts she walks, Telling her story,
Candles in shining crown, Lighting her story
Symbol of Love sublime Moving o'er space and time,
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia.*

*Now in the winter night Good folk are waiting.
See now the maid of light, Darkness abating.
Into this winter night Come, maid of shining light,
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia.*

*When on the earth she walked, Bravely confessing,
All to the poor she gave, All felt her blessing.
Symbol of love sublime, Moving o'er space and time,
Santa Lucia, Santa Lucia.*

Advent Verse

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Hosianna by G.J Vogler

Sing Hosanna, David's Son! O, welcome him with song!
Sing Hosanna David's Son, who comes in the name of the Lord!
Sing Hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna in the highest.
Sing Hosanna David's Son, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

Mark 1:1-8
*The Gospel of
Mark does not
begin with a story
of Jesus' birth but
with the voice of
one crying out in
the wilderness:
Prepare the way
of the Lord.*

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Lucia Recessional



**Sunday
School
Christmas
Program**



The Advent Tree

by Jan Brown

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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.

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!

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What a gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain Following yonder star.
O Star of wonder, star of night Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy Perfect Light.

Silent Night

(The Sunday School will present the verse first in sign language. The congregation will join in singing on the second time.)

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.



Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.:

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love. And wonders, wonders of his love.



Prayers of the Church

P: Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing,
and comfort for all God's people.

A brief silence.

A: We long to see your glory. Prepare our hearts for your arrival by healing
divisions ...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. **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.*



Please be seated

Offering

***Still, Still, Still
Go, Tell It in the Mountain***



Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offertory

Please stand as you are able.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

- A: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and 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...





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Per Harling, b. 1948
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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C: 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



(During the season of Advent and Christmas, we will use the traditional words for the Lord's Prayer.)



Lamb of God



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - - - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown
Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528



Meditation

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: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen.**

Communion 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.*

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
ELW #244

**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 *Little Fugue in Bb Major*

attr. J. S. Bach

*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	Rev. Arden D. Haug
Organist	Kenneth Vigne
Choir Director	Dawn Allan
Advent Wreath Candle Lighters	The Bartels Family
Worship Assistant	Michelle McCreery
Santa Lucia	Maddy Rondestevdt
Ushers	Eric Amann and Ross Bartels
Altar Servers	Phyllis Dahl and Carolyn Hagford
Reader	Claire Jacoby
Communion Assistants	Renate, Amann, Linda Nelson and Carolyn Hagford
Coffee Hosts	Eric and Naomi Mechels

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:30 am **Worship with Holy Communion**
Sunday School Christmas Program

Sanctuary

10:45 am Coffee Hour

Sanctuary

12:00 pm Julbord

Fellowship Hall

4:00 pm Julbord

Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:40 am Kenwood School

Fellowship Hall

12:30 pm Kenwood School

Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm AA

Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:45 am Kenwood School

Fellowship Hall

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 Men's AA Group

Room 56

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

10:00 am Bible Study

Christy Room

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

Christy Room

12:30 pm Kenwood School Program

Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Confirmation

Christy Room

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:45 am Kenwood School Program

Fellowship Hall

12:00 pm Al-Anon

Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Fitzgerald Student Recital

Sanctuary

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Christy Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

11:00 am Decorating Sanctuary/Poinsettias

Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:30 am **Worship with Holy Communion**
No Sunday School

Sanctuary

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Service

Sanctuary

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sanctuary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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, Gael Larsen, LOTI members; John Slama, -son-in-law of Ellie Holmquist, Judy

Bigelow; Sam Pederson, nephew of Jenny Cook; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn.

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





Gregory Sarles 12/17 Marty Carlson 12/18
Lars Olson 12.21

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.

SCAN TO GIVE



THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped with set-up, serving, providing food and clean-up for the cookie sale and Christmas Tea. We had a great turnout again and raised \$400 from the cookie sale. This year we are using the money to help purchase some new knives and cookware for the kitchen which is badly needed.

Also, we would like to thank Tom Madson and Rick Gripenrot for picking up the Christmas trees, delivering them to the church and helping with set-up. Bruce Sabatke, Rick Gripenrot, John Bergford and Dave Hagford assisted with decorating the trees on Tuesday.

We appreciate all the volunteers who help prepare the church for Christmas during this busy holiday season.

**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.

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



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 & 26
Church Office Closed

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

January 1
Church Office Closed

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