

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✘ Fourth Sunday of Advent ✘

December 24, 2017

God keeps the promise made to David, to give him an everlasting throne. The angel tells Mary that God will give David's throne to her son Jesus. She is perplexed by Gabriel's greeting and by the news of her coming pregnancy, but she is able still to say, "Count me in." We who know that Jesus is called king only as he is executed still find it a mystery hard to fathom, but with Mary today we hear the news of what God is up to and say, "Count us in."



*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.



Confession

Word of Absolution

✠ 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.

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J. Pachelbel

✠ 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.

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 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.)

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.**

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**

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn
ELW # 242

**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**

L: Stir up your power, Lord Jesus, and come. **With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

✠ 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: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe.
C: **In your son, Emmanuel, you have shown us your light and saved us from the power of sin.**
L: Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.
C: **Increase our longing for your presence, that at the celebration of your Son's birth his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst,**
L: for he is our light and salvation. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

**Dismissal
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.*
*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 heavenly dove,
Your prophet calls us to the light. Come fill us with your love.*
*O Mary, favored one of God, For us the Child you bore.
A candle we now light to you Bless'd mother of our Lord.*

Romans 16:25-27
Paul closes his letter by praising God because in the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Reading

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen

R: Word of God, Word of Life.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

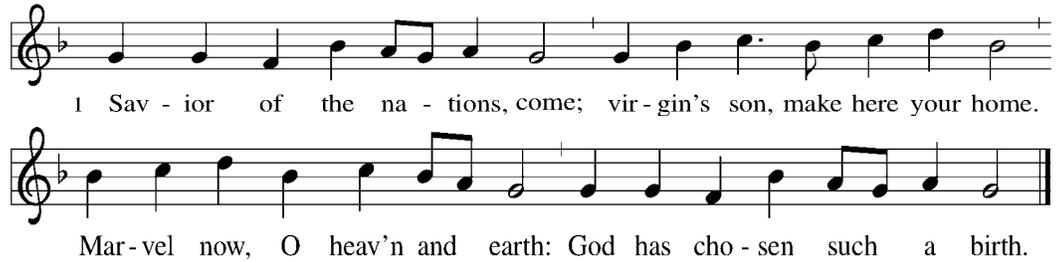
Advent Gradual

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Luke 1:26-38
*In this
annunciation,
Luke makes clear
that God comes
with good news
for ordinary
people (Mary)
from little known
places (Nazareth).
This king will not
be born to royalty
in a palace, but to
common folk in a
stall. Here Luke
highlights the role
of the Spirit, a
special emphasis
in his gospel.*



Savior of the Nations Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.

Gospel

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

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

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The 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. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then 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

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.

**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.**

Sermon

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
ELW #272

Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.



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.

P: Your eternal reign has come into the world. Give us ears to hear your ...

L: Emmanuel, God with us,

C: Hear our prayer.

God of peace, help us to live in peace with another and show patience and understanding during times of conflict. Help us find solutions to problems by listening to each other and finding a compromise rather than fighting.

L: Emmanuel, God with us,

C: Hear our prayer

God of joy, help us to be thankful with what we have. Help us to help others who do not have a place to live, food to eat, or clothes to wear. **Amen.**

L: Emmanuel, God with us,

C: Hear our prayer

God of love, you sent Jesus to us because you love us, help your church to spread your love everywhere.

L: Emmanuel, God with us,

C: Hear our prayer

God of hope, we pray for all of these things, knowing that you hear us.

In the name of Jesus, we pray.

C: Amen.

Greeting of Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

L: Please share the peace that Jesus brings with your neighbor and all the world.

*After the greeting, please **share a word** of peace with your neighbors.*

Please be seated

✠ Offering ✠

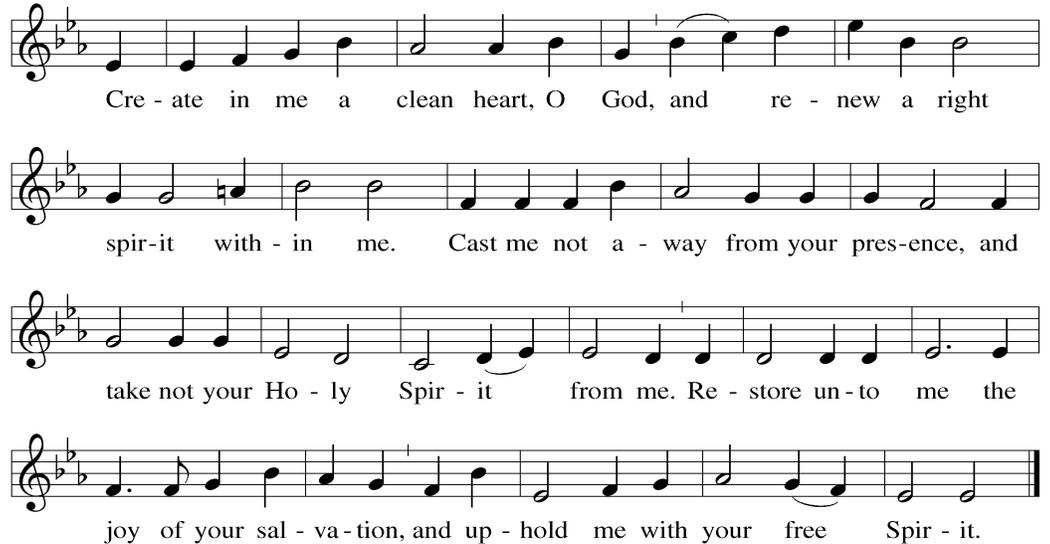
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Offering

Reflection

Offertory

Please stand as you are able.



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.

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

Offertory Prayer

- A: Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light.
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...



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.*

Oh, How Joyfully

O Sanctissima

**Sending
Hymn**

*Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily,
Christmas comes with its grace divine!
Grace again is beaming, Christ the world redeeming,
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time.*

*Day of holiness, Peace and happiness.
Joyful, glorious Christmas Day
Angels tell the story, Of this day of glory;
Praise Christ our Savior, Born this Christmas Day.*

*Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily,
Christmas comes with its peace divine!
Peace on earth is reigning, Christ our peace regaining,
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time!*

*Oh, how joyfully, Oh, how merrily,
Christmas comes with its life divine!
Angels high in glory, Chant the Christmas story:
Hail, ye Christians, hail the joyous Christmas time!*

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

Toccata on Twenty-Fourth

K. Vigne

*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 Organist Choir Director Worship Assistant Ushers Reader Altar Servers Communion Assistants Coffee Hosts	Rev. Arden D. Haug Kenneth Vigne Dawn Allan Michelle McCreery Ellie Holmquist and Linda Nelson Debra Gilroy Carolyn Hagford Mary Knoblauch No Coffee Hour
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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24	9:30 am 4:30 pm 10:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion No Sunday School Christmas Eve Family Service Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	Sanctuary Sanctuary Sanctuary
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25		CHRISTMAS DAY / CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27	5:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 10:00 am	SA Support Group AA Spiritual Recovery Group Men’s AA Group No Bible Study	Christy Room Christy Room Room 56 Christy Room
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28	7:30 pm 12:00 pm	No Choir Practice Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28			
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30			
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion No. Sunday School	Sanctuary
MONDAY, JANUARY 1		NEW YEAR’S DAY / 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, LOTI members; **Dawn Allan and family**, on the loss of her brother; **John Slama**, - son-in-law of Ellie Holmquist, **Judy Bigelow**; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jenny Cook; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn.

<p>Loved Ones In The Military Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.</p>	
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**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
DECEMBER 24 AND 31st
SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 8**



*Jorgen Olson 12/28 Jon Zachman 12/29
Pauline Haug 12/30 Chris Hovda 12/30
Allyson Sprain 12/30*

NO STAFFED NURSERY TODAY

Children are always welcome in worship, however, if the need arises, the Christy Room is available if you need to leave with 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.

THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported LOTI this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. End of the

year gifts to LOTI must be postmarked December 31st or delivered to the office by December 31st.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
11:00 A.M.**

A special congregational meeting will be held following the service on January 7th to approve the church council’s recommendation to move ahead with the restroom renovation and the replacement of the heating and cooling system.

SCAN TO GIVE



**OUR SAVIOUR’S HOUSING
A NOTE FROM CHERI MOE**

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

December 25 & 26
Church Office Closed

December 31
New Year's Eve Day Service
No Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

January 1
New Year's Day
Church Office Closed

January 7
Worship Service
Sunday School Resumes
9:30 a.m.

Special Congregational Meeting

11:00 a.m.

God's Help, Our Hands
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