

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

**✘ New Year Eve ✘
December 31, 2017**

2018



*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

Dialogue for New Year's Eve

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Gathering Hymn

Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

✠ 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.

Trumpet Voluntary

J. Stanley

For everything there is a season:

And a time for every matter under heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die.

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.

A time to break down, and a time to build up.

A time to weep and a time to laugh.

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

A time to be silent and a time to speak.

A time to love and a time to hate.

A time for war and a time for peace.

God has made everything suitable for its time.

God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.

God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

Whatever God does endures forever.

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

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW #275

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.**

Eternal Father, **you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the
events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in this new year we
may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the
event which gives us joy forever—the coming of your son, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen**

✠ Word ✠

The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Colossians 3:12-17

Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with white robes, so all who have received God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.



Please stand as you are able

Luke 13:6-9

Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the fig tree that did not bear fruit.

Please be seated.

Reading

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

New Year's Eve Verse

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

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

Gospel

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.

Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.



Greet Now the Swiftly Changing Year
LBW #181

✠ Confession and Forgiveness ✠

O Lord our God, you know the ways this past year in which our lives have not represented truth and knowledge. You know the times in which we struggled to be warm and caring and the times when we did not choose goodness. Forgive us Lord, for those times when our lives did not reflect your love. Give us your help and healing in our lives that we may begin this New Year with hope and joy.



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Merciful God and Father in heaven, you are faithful and just; you are willing to forgive our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness. Before you and our sisters and brothers, we confess that we have spoken many empty words and have at times broken even our most sacred vows. Our sins are an affront to you; they are a disgrace before the watching world, and they have caused us unspeakable pain. Through our Lord Jesus may we begin this new year with the joy of knowing we belong to you, with the freedom of being purified by your blood, and with the healing which your grace alone can bring. In the name of our blessed Savior we pray.

In Jesus' name the Lord our God forgives our sins this day and every day, this year and every year. What is over is done; God gives us grace for what is to come.
Amen.

1. O God, our help in ag - es past, Our hope for years to
 come, Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home.

Blessing for the New Year

O God, you have been our help in ages past, our hope for year to come. As we welcome this new year, bless us with peace. Fill our days with light of Christ and lead us on the path of life until we see you in our heavenly home. You live and reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

Please be seated

*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.

Offering



Offertory

Please stand as you are able.



Offertory Prayer

I Wonder As I Wander

Appalachian Carol

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky
How Jesus my Saviour did come for to die
For poor on'ry people like you and like I
I wonder as I wander out under the sky
When Mary birthed Jesus 'twas in a cow's stall
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all
But high from God's heaven, a star's light did fall
And the promise of ages it then did recall.
If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing
Or all of God's Angels in heaven to sing
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King*

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.

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

- A: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus 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.**

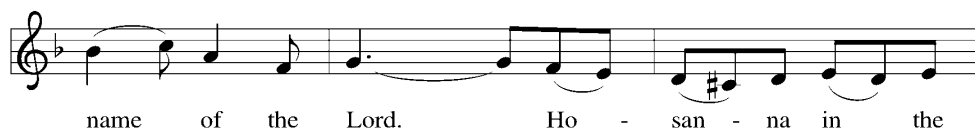
P: Lift up your hearts.

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...



Music: Per Harling, b. 1948
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God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

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

Sonata No. 1 Mvt. 2, Allegretto

E. Ewazen

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: I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
exalted for you, or brought low for you;



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

Distribution Music

Please stand as you are able.



let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

C: Amen. *The Wesley Covenant Prayer*

✠ 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.*

Cold December Flies Away

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**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 *Presto on a Christmas Theme*

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
Organist
Choir Director
Soloist
Trumpet
Worship Assistant

Rev. Arden D. Haug
Kenneth Vigne
Dawn Allan
William Maus
Jamie Gorski
Mark Waldeland

	Ushers	Ellie Holmquist and David Hagford
	Altar Servers	Ruth Lee, Ellie Holmquist and Eivor Lund
	Reader	Mary Sabatke
	Communion Assts	Pauline Haug, Kathy Hering and Linda Nelson
	Coffee Hosts	Linda Nelson
CHURCH OFFICERS	President	Marty Carlson
	Vice President	Ross Formell
	Treasurer	Ross Bartels
STAFF	Children's Ministry Director	Diane LaMere
	Custodian	Dane Peterson
	Office Manager	Linda Nelson
	Nursery Attendant	Sheridan Swee

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, JANUARY 1		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DAY	
	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2	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 201
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4	12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5	6:00 pm	Shelter Meal	Our Saviour's Housing
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	10:45 am	Special Congregational Meeting	Fellowship Hall

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; **Hayden Nelson**, infant son of Ryne and Jennifer Nelson; **John Slama**, -son-in-law of Ellie Holmquist; **Judy Bigelow**; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jenny Cook; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

11:00 A.M.

A special congregational meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall 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.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Shirley Carlson 12/31 Cody Rustad 1/1
Patrick Bracken 1/4 Naomi Mechels 1/6
Laura Nortwen 1/6

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.

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. 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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you are using offering envelopes, there is a basket with envelopes in the narthex. I am not keeping track of the numbers this year so please put your name on the envelope before you put it in the offering plate.

SCAN TO GIVE



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. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Contact the church office for more information. Gifts for 2017 must be received by December 31st.

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS



January 6

The Women's Auxillary Priscilla Circle
9:30 a.m.
Christy Room

January 7

Worship & Holy Communion
Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Special Congregational Meeting
10:45 a.m.

January 21

Church Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.

January 28

LOTI Annual Meeting
11:00 a.m.

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