

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Fourth Sunday in Lent ✠ March 11, 2018

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.



*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**

*Please stand as
you are able.*

**Gathering
Hymn**

**Apostolic
Greeting**

✠ 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 on Beneath the Cross of Jesus

K. Vigne

Psalm 107

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from
the hand of the foe,**

Gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north
and from the south.

**Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were
afflicted.**

Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their
distress.

**You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the
grave.**

Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful
works for all people.

**Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with
shouts of joy**

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Vs 1 All, vs 2 Women, vs 3 Men, vs 4 All

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.**

Throughout this season we embrace the discipline of Lent including self-
examination and repentance. Therefore, let us come before God with open
hearts.

Kyrie



Choir

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e 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.

*Please sing to
the music above.*

Christe, christe eleison
Christe, christe eleison

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.**

*Please sing to
the music above.*

Kyrie, kyrie eleison
Kyrie, kyrie eleison

Words of Absolution

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: **O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus**



Dismissal Song

Numbers 21:4-9
Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing.

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.

Children's Message

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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Reading

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.



John 3:14-21
To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

Apostles' Creed

Lenten Verse

Refrain

Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the
dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

**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.**

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.



Sermon

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

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, sin - ners, ru - ined by the fall;
2 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, im - po - tent, and blind;
3 Those who drink shall live for - ev - er; 'tis a soul re - new - ing flood.



here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain flows to you, to me, to all,
here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion, here the trou - bled peace may find.
God is faith - ful; God will nev - er break his cov - e - nant of blood,



in a full per - pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.
Health this foun - tain will re - store; those who drink shall thirst no more.
signed when our re - deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Music: NAAR MIT ÖIE, Ludwig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

Prayers of the Church

P: Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church. Lead us faithfully in the way of the cross. Unite us as one body in Christ. Empower us with courage to speak out against injustice... 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.**

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.

What Wondrous Love is This Evelyn R. Larter

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
When I was sinking down, Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
And when from death I'm free I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

Offering

Print Thine Image Pure and Holy

Print thine im - age pure and ho - ly On my heart, O
So that noth - ing high or low - ly Thy blest like - ness

Lord of Grace; Let the clear in - scrip - tion be:
can ef - face.

Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, And the Lord of all cre - a -

tion, Be my ref - uge and sal - va - tion. A - men.

Offertory
Please stand as you are able.



Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703
Tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877-

A: Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through 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...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n 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.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Offertory Prayer

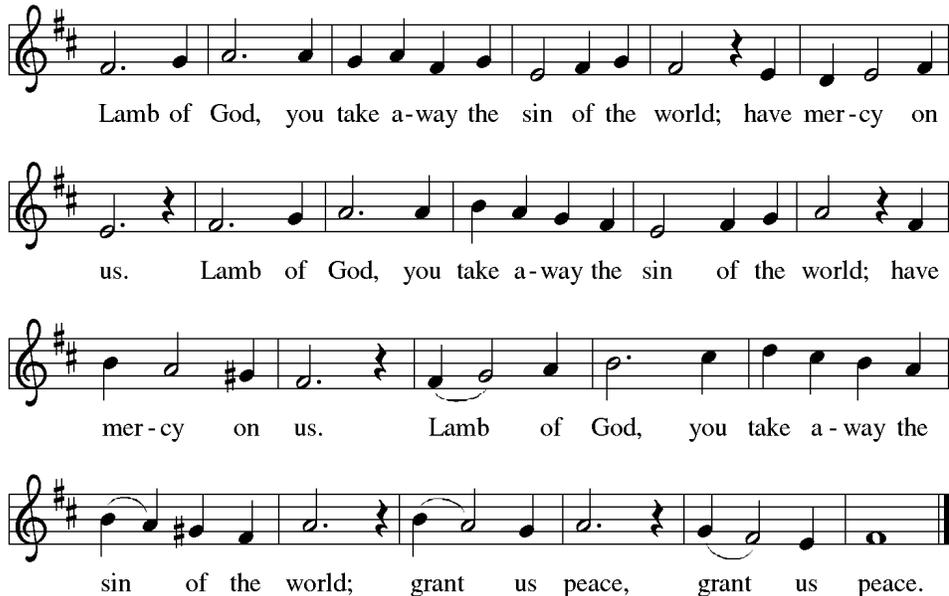


Invitation to Communion

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

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Communion Music

Distribution

Throughout the winter season we will be celebrating Holy Communion with individual cups. Both wine and white grape juice are available. The cups may be placed into the empty trays. 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: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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.*

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
ELW #338

**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

Toccata

A. Khatchaturian

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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, MARCH 11

9:30 am **Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School**
Sanctuary
10:40 am **Coffee Hour**
Sanctuary

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| MONDAY, MARCH 12 | 3:00 pm | Caritas Concert and Reception | Sanctuary |
| TUESDAY, MARCH 13 | 7:00 pm | AA | Fellowship Hall |
| | 9:15 pm | 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 | Sunday School Rooms |
| WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 | 10:00 am | Bible Study | Christy Room |
| | 12:00 pm | Staff Meeting | Christy Room |
| | 5:45 pm | Soup Supper | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 pm | Holden Evening Prayer Service | Sanctuary |
| | 7:30 pm | Confirmation | Christy Room |
| | 7:45 pm | Choir Rehearsal | Fellowship Hall |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 15 | 12:00 pm | Al-Anon | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 pm | Church Council Meeting | Christy Room |
| SUNDAY, MARCH 18 | 9:30 am | Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School | Sanctuary |
| | 10:40 am | Coffee Hour | Fellowship Hall |
| | 11:00 am | First Communion Class | Library |
| | 11:00 am | "Working" Series Talk | Christy Room |
| | 12:00 pm | Scandinavian Smorgasbord | 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, LOTI members; **Molly Boylan; 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.



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.

CARITAS VOCAL ENSEMBLE CONCERT FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SAVIOURS HOUSING TODAY AT 3:00 P.M.

Caritas Vocal Ensemble is a non-profit group of choral singers with a mission. Caritas performed its first season in spring 2002 with the express purpose of raising money and awareness for people in need. Eighty-five percent of the proceeds from the group's concerts are given to other non-profits to help fund their provision of basic human services. Since its inception, the group has raised over \$150,000 for diverse, local charitable organizations. The offering is free will and proceeds from today's concert will go to Our Saviours' Housing.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

1st Communion preparation with Pastor Haug will be held on Sunday, March 18 after worship and then on Thursday, March 29. Both gatherings are attended by parent and child and is offered to children 2nd grade (and older) and new families. Celebration of First

Communion will be on Easter Sunday, April 1. If you would like to sign your child up for this two week preparation, please contact the church office.

SCANDINAVIAN SMORGASBORD

MARCH 18 at 12:00 Noon

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW

Please call the church office to make your reservation for the next Scandinavian Smorgasbord. Tickets are \$27 each for adults, \$12.50 for children 5 to 12 years old and children under the age of 5 are free. The menu for February is posted in Fellowship Hall and by the 21st St. entrance to the church.

“WORKING SERIES”

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 AT 11:00

“Working” is the theme of an ongoing speaker series in which people talk about what they do all day and how they feel about what they do. Many people within our congregation are engaged in fascinating work, and this series gives us an opportunity to learn more about what they do.

The next segment of the series will be Sunday, March 18th featuring Jennifer Lundblad. Jennifer is President and CEO of Stratis Health, a non-profit health care quality improvement organization. Her entire career has been in non-profit management, in both education and health care. She also has extensive experience as a non-profit leader and volunteer, serving on nonprofit boards of directors (including as LOTI's representative to the Neighborhood Involvement Program board) and as a volunteer adult literacy tutor and a volunteer Big Sister. Last summer, Jennifer traveled to Uganda as part of a humanitarian team with American Refugee Committee, a Minneapolis-based non-profit which provides services in refugee settlements around the world. She has an MBA in public and non-profit management, and a PhD in organization development.

Jennifer's talk will take place after a brief coffee break following the Sunday morning service. Those who are interested will be invited to take their coffee/tea into the Christy Room for about 45 minutes. The first 15-20 minutes will be an informal talk by Jennifer, leaving the remaining time for questions from those in attendance.

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



March 11

Caritas Concert & Reception
3:00 p.m.

March 14 & 21

Soup Supper at 5:45 p.m.
Holden Evening Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

March 18

Scandinavian Smorgasbord
12:00 Noon

First Communion Class 1
11:00 a.m. in the Library

“Working” Series
11:00 a.m. in the Christy Room

March 25

Palm Sunday
Pancake Breakfast at 10:45 a.m.
Egg Hunt
at the parsonage

March 29

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal
And First Communion Class #2
6:00 p.m.

March 30

Good Friday Service
7:00 p.m.

March 31

Easter Vigil
8:30 p.m.

April 1

Easter Sunday
Services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
No Sunday School

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