

# Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

June 24, 2018

*The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding*



*This morning Pastor Haug continues his summer sermon series based on the Book of Acts. As Jesus' ascended into heaven in Acts 1, he declared that the disciples should be witnesses first in Jerusalem and Judea, and then to Samaria and the ends of the earth. For the disciples, the command to witness to Samaria would have been difficult to imagine since "Jews did not associate with Samaritans." Acts 8 tells the story of the spread of the Christian faith to Samaria.*

*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**

***Partita in E major, I. Preludio***

*J.S. Bach*

**Welcome**

**Call to  
Worship**

### **Psalm 192**

It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**  
on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy  
because of the works of your hands.**

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the  
courts of our God;**

<sup>4</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

**that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is  
no injustice.**

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**

**Gathering  
Hymn**

***This is My Father's World***

*ELW #824*

**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**

**O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into  
yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those  
in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.*

**Children's Message**

## Dismissal Song



Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with his Spir - it and his  
love, let him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.  
Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spir - it like a  
dove will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole.

*Refrain*  
Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and  
fill your lambs. Je - sus, O  
Je - sus, come and fill your lambs.

*Acts :8:2-27*

### Lesson

That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria. Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison. Now those who were scattered went from place to place, proclaiming the word. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah[ to them. The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralyzed or lame were cured. So there was great joy in that city. Now a certain man named Simon had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he was someone great. All of them, from the least to the greatest, listened to him eagerly, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." And they listened eagerly to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. But when they believed Philip, who was proclaiming the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Even Simon himself believed. After

being baptized, he stayed constantly with Philip and was amazed when he saw the signs and great miracles that took place.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come [upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John[d] laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, "Give me also this power so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain God's gift with money! You have no part or share in this, for your heart is not right before God. Repent therefore of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and the chains of wickedness." Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may happen to me." Now after Peter and John had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, proclaiming the good news to many villages of the Samaritans.

*Please stand as you are able.*



*Sing twice.*

**R:** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Verse

*Refrain*



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Text: Psalm 119:105, Amy Grant, b. 1960

Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957

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

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

### Gospel

#### **Mark 4:26-34**

*Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand.*

*Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples The Gospel of our Lord.

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.**

*Congregation,  
please be seated*

### **Hymn of the Day**

*Please stand as  
you are able.*

### **Sermon**

*In Christ There is No East or West*

*ELW #650*

### **Prayers of the Church**

: Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

A: O Most High, your divine realm is like a noble tree whose boughs and branches give shade and rest...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.**



*Please be seated*

### **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.

Offering

Sonatina, IV. Larghetto

A. Dvorak

Give Thanks

Offertory

Please stand as you are able.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,  
 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.  
 Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,  
 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.  
 And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
 rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And  
 now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
 rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith  
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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Offertory Prayer

- A: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and 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...

1.

*Sing through one time, then lectern side sings 1 & 2, pulpit side sings 2 & 1*

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2.

You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Text: Per Harling, b. 1948

Music: Per Harling

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## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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*



As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.

You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.

You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;

you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

Text: Martin J. Nystrom  
Music: AS THE DEER, Martin J. Nystrom

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### *Meditation from Thais*

*J. Massenet*

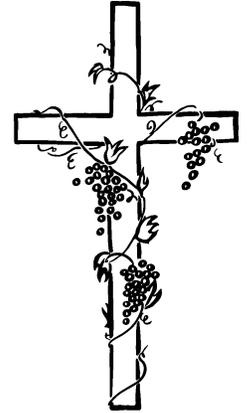
### Distribution

*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. Gluten free wafers are available in the silver cup.*

### Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.



### Communion Verse

### Distribution Music

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

A: O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

### ✠ *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.*

## Go, Make Disciples



“Go, make dis-ci-ples, bap-tiz-ing them, teach-ing them.

Go, make dis-ci-ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit-y on a hill, so all can see that you’re

serv-ing me. Go, make dis-ci-ples.”

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950  
Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson  
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## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord makes his 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.



## Sending Hymn

**Postlude**

*Partita in E major, VI. Giga*

*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.

<b>YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY</b>	Pastor Organist Choir Director Guest Musician Worship Assistant Ushers Altar Servers Reader Communion Server Coffee Host	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug Kenneth Vigne Dawn Allan Elizabeth York Mary Sabatke Allyson and Jon Sprain Kathy Hering, Mary and David Goplen David Ackerman Debby Pizarro Marty Carlson and Mary Knoblauch
<b>CHURCH OFFICERS</b>	President Vice President Treasurer Secretary	Marty Carlson Ross Formell Ross Bartels Jonathan Sprain
<b>STAFF</b>	Youth Ministry Director Custodian Office Manager	Diane LaMere Dane Peterson Linda Nelson

**CALENDAR**

<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 24</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Patio
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 25</b>	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 26</b>	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	LOTI Men’s AA Group	Room 56
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	No Staff Meeting	Christy Room
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 28</b>	12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	Christy Room
<b>SUNDAY, JULY 1</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Coffee Hour	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, Rick Gripentrog**, LOTI members; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin; **William Ulrich**, grandson of Cathy Carlson and Peter Van Bergen; **Molly Boylan; Judy Bigelow; Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jenny Cook; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn; **Jim Burton and family**, friends of the Sabatkes; **Linda Sabatke**, sister-in-law of the Sabatkes.

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



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

*Susan Melbye 6/24*

*Emily Vigne 6/27*

*Reagan Gusman 6/29*

**ELECTRONIC GIVING  
SCAN TO GIVE**



## NURSERY AVAILABLE

Children are always welcome in worship. The nursery will not be staffed over the summer months so if you need to take your child out, the Christy Room is available. 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. 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.

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP MATERIALS

Children are invited to use the worship materials throughout the service. Materials are located in the narthex and are organized by age group.

## PRISCILLA CIRCLE AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP JULY 7 AT 9:30 A.M.

Join us for a time of camaraderie at the home of Carol Arent. Carol's address is:

2866 Kenwood Isles Dr  
Minneapolis, MN 55408  
715-209-7841

## NEW ADDRESS FOR RICK GRIPENTROG

Rick has moved to a different facility while he's recovering from his surgery. You can send cards to or visit him at: Sunrise of Golden Valley, 4950 Olson Memorial Hwy., Golden Valley, MN 55422; 763-522-4000.

## CAMP AMNICON VOYAGEUR CANOEING ON LAKE SUPERIOR

August 12 – 17 is Voyageur Canoeing on Lake Superior. This is Camp Amnicon's signature trip that explores the Apostle Islands, sea caves, light houses and shipwrecks in a 34 foot canoe.

For more information contact [Hannah.damon@amnicon.org](mailto:Hannah.damon@amnicon.org) or by phone 715 364-2602 or speak with Cheri Moe.

[info@amnicon.org](mailto:info@amnicon.org) or [www.amnicon.org](http://www.amnicon.org).

## OUR SAVIOUR'S HOUSING

**WE ONLY HAVE ONE DATE OPEN TO SERVE THE SHELTER MEAL AT OUR SAVIOUR'S HOUSING. PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING THIS MEAL. CALL CHERI TODAY AND VOLUNTEER SO SHE CAN HAVE THE ENTIRE YEAR SCHEDULED.**

**The last date available for 2018 is: August 3.**

Celebrate your birthday or another special occasion by serving the shelter meal. Thank you! You can reach Cheri at [moeclana@aol.com](mailto:moeclana@aol.com) / PH: 952-431-5226.

*EXTENDED CALENDAR  
OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES*

*& Events*



**June 27**

Birchbark Books  
Reading and Book Signing  
7:00 p.m.

**July 4**

Church Office Closed  
Independence Day

**July 6**  
Shelter Meal  
6:00 p.m.

**July 7**  
Priscilla Circle  
Carol Arent's Home at 9:30 a.m.

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