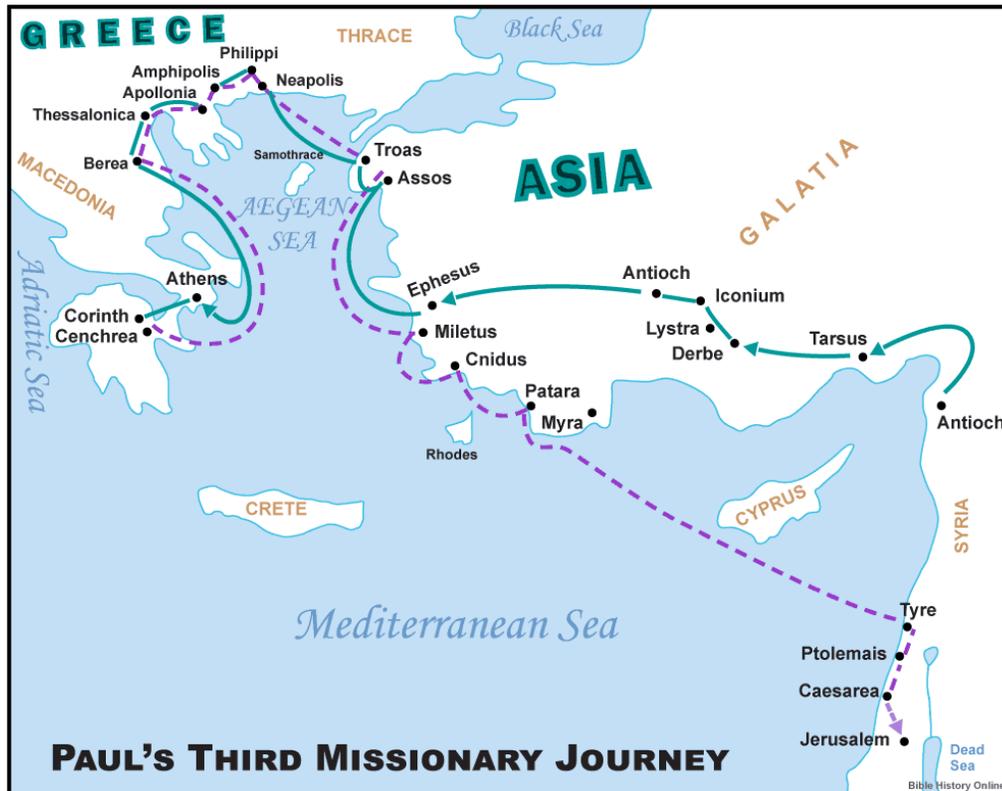


Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠ August 26, 2018

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life."



This morning Pastor Haug continues his summer sermon series based on the Book of Acts. It is hard to know exactly where the 2nd missionary journey of Paul ends and the 3rd begins. At the end of his 2nd missionary journey, Paul spent a year and a half in Corinth, and then travelled on to Ephesus. He stopped there briefly for one Sabbath, and promised that, "I will return to you, if God wills." He sailed on to Caesarea, visited the elders in Jerusalem, and subsequently from the city of Antioch, he began the whole 2nd missionary journey all over again, this time spending nearly 3 years in Ephesus which regrettably ended in a riot.

*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

Improvisation

Welcome

**Call to
Worship**

Psalm 34

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished. O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,

and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

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**

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW #522

**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**

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, 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**

We Lift our Voices

We lift our voice - es, we lift our hands, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our
hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voice - es, we lift our hands, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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Acts 20:17-38

Lesson

From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus. And now, as a captive to the Spirit,[a] I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God’s grace. “And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God[b] that he obtained with the blood of his own Son.[c] I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come

distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.

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

Gospel Verse



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

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

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

Gospel

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?”

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.

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

Please stand as you are able.



Sing twice.

John 6:56-69
The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

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

*O Jesus, I Have Promised
ELW #810*

Prayers of the Church

P: Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A: That God bless the church universal in every place, inspiring strength ...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.**



Please be seated

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

Offering

Adagio for Violin and Organ

K. Vigne

✠ 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.

Offertory

Please stand as you are able.



Give Thanks



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!

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Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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Offertory Prayer

- A: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this 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...

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.__



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!

2.



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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.

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Abendlied

J. Rheinberger

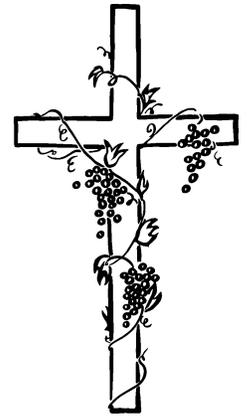
Distribution

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.



Distribution Music

Please stand as you are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

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.”

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Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson
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Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make 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

Final from Symphony I

L. Vierne

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. Dr. Arden D. Haug
Organist	Kenneth Vigne
Choir Director	Dawn Allan
Special Music	Emily Vigne
Worship Assistant	Michelle McCreery
Ushers	David Ackerman and Carolyn Hagford
Altar Servers	Kathy Hering, Mary and David Goplen
Reader	Steve Hoyt
Communion Assistant	Debby Pizarro
Coffee Hosts	Justin and Stephanie Kappel

CHURCH OFFICERS

President	Marty Carlson
Vice President	Ross Formell
Treasurer	Ross Bartels
Secretary	Jonathan Sprain

STAFF

Youth Ministry Director	Diane LaMere
Custodian	Dane Peterson
Office Manager	Linda Nelson

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall or Patio
MONDAY, AUGUST 27	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, AUGUST 28	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	Sunday School Room
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, AUGUST 30	12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall or Patio
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY	

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; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin; **Molly Boylan; Judy Bigelow; Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jenny Cook; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn; **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.



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.



Mary Abbe Hintz 8/27	Beth Morrison 8/30
Henrik Olson 8/31	Magnus Skold 9/1

ELECTRONIC GIVING SCAN TO GIVE



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

It's time to register for Sunday School! We are looking forward to starting Sunday School on Rally Sunday, September 9. We ask that all families register their children for Sunday School. Go to the online form on our website (www.lotl.org in the Lifestyle/Children's Ministry category). Paper copies are also available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

Sunday School is offered for children who are age 3 by September 1 through those entering 6th grade. If you have any questions, please contact Diane LaMere at diane.lamere@lotl.org or call the church office at 612-377-5095.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 6:30 P.M.

Sunday School teacher training will be held on Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30pm. This is geared towards new teachers for the coming program year. Teachers who taught in the past year are welcome, but not required to attend. If you are interested in helping to lead a class, please contact Diane LaMere at diane.lamere@lotl.org or call the church office at 612-377-5095.

CHOIR REHEARSAL STARTS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

Weekly choir rehearsal begins Wednesday, August 29th at 7:00. We are always looking for new singers so please feel free to join us. No audition required. "You don't have to have a great voice to make great music." All abilities are welcome.

PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 10:45 A.M.

The annual pie and ice cream social will be held on September 9th. We will need pie donations and volunteers to help set up, serve and clean-up afterwards. Please e-mail or call Linda in the church office (612 377-5095) (linda.nelson@lotl.org) if you

can contribute a pie and/or help out that morning. There are also sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall.

***PRISCILLA CIRCLE AND
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
SEPTEMBER 1 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

***SANCTUARY CARPETING FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED***

On Sunday, September 30, the Church Council will be hosting a fundraiser to replace the sanctuary carpeting. Those wishing to offer silent auction items may contact Susanne Haas or Pastor Haug.

***EXTENDED CALENDAR
OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES***

& Events



August 29
Choir Rehearsal Begins
7:00 p.m.

September 1

Priscilla Circle
9:30 a.m.
Carol Arent's Home

September 3
Church Office Closed for Labor Day

September 5
Sunday School Teacher Training
6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.

September 9
Rally Sunday
Pie and Ice Cream Social
10:45 a.m.

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M-T, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm/ F – 9:00-Noon

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