

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Holy Cross Sunday ✠ September 16, 2018

This festival, which originated in the fourth century, celebrates the triumph of the cross. The date, September 14th, honors the discovery of the lost cross upon which Christ was crucified. The cross was presented to Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, during her pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 326 AD. Nine years later, in 335, the newly erected Church of the Holy Sepulchre was consecrated on September 14th uniting the sites of the crucifixion and resurrection beneath the roof of one church and honoring Christ's life and death upon the cross.



*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**



**Gathering
Hymn**

**Apostolic
Greeting**

**Prayer of the
Day**

Please be seated.

✠ 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.

***Improvisation
Prelude in C BWV 531***

*K. Vigne
J.S. Bach*

Dialog of the Holy Cross:

A. We praise the Lord for the cross of Christ!
C. **We praise the Lord for Christ's willingness to bear it.**

A. By the cross we are saved.
C. **With the cross we are baptized.**

A. Under the cross we live.
C. **Because of the cross we are forgiven.**

A. In the cross we glory.
C. **Through the cross we come to eternal life.**

A. Praise the Lord for the cross of Christ!
C. **Let us take up the cross and follow him.**

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
C: **As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen**

Lift High the Cross
ELW #660

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.**

Almighty God, **your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus 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 Sermon

Bible Presentation

Dismissal Song Verse 1

There is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
there I'll serve my king for - ev - er, in that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and



send - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Text: Keith Green
Music: GREEN, Keith Green

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1 Corinthians 1:18-24

At the heart of the Christian message is the word of the cross. This proclamation seems foolish to many because it reveals true divine power in the absolute weakness of Christ's crucifixion.

Reading

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Please stand as you are able.

John 3:13–17
After explaining to Nicodemus that one must be born of water and Spirit, Jesus speaks of being lifted up on the cross, with reference to the bronze serpent.

Congregation, please be seated

Hymn of the Day
Congregation, Please stand.



Gospel Verse



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. John, the third chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And 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. ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

Sermon

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
ELW #802

Litany on the Stations of the Cross

- A. Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." In the name of Jesus, we pray:
- C. Lord, help us to take up our cross and follow you.**
- A. You stood before Pilate, your life condemned, your word rejected, your innocence ignored:
- C. Keep us from rejecting your word of truth and salvation.**
- A. You carried your cross on the wounded stripes of your back, for love of us and for all the world.
- C. Help us to bear our cross, for love of you and for love of others.**
- A. Sin weighed heavily upon you as you stumbled along the way.
- C. Forgive us, Lord, for the sins which make us fall.**
- A. Your suffering under the cross caused the women of Jerusalem to weep.
- C. Make our suffering in life a share in your suffering.**

- A. Stripped and jeered, you endured humiliation without complaint.
C. Humble us in our work and daily lives.
- A. Nailed to the cross, you took your place among the condemned.
C. Take your place beside us sinners, and bring us through faith to the Paradise of God.
- A. When your sacrifice was complete, you handed your life to the Father, and he did not forsake you.
C. Keep us close to your cross and death, now and at the hour of our death.
- A. Faithful friends and loving women took loving care of your lifeless body.
C. Turn the darkness of death into the brightness of day for those we love.
- A. In the tomb you were laid, but from the tomb you arose.
C. Be the Lord of the resurrection for us and for all the baptized.
- P. Loving Jesus, for the sake of your cross and passion, we are justified in faith, washed cleaned of our sins by baptism and repentance, and made one with God. We thank you for your cross and for the depths of your love for us. It is with this confidence that we boldly raise our prayers before you. Help us to bear our cross in the world and follow you until you bring us into your heavenly kingdom; where you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

*When I survey the wondrous Cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
 My richest Gain I count but Loss, And pour Contempt on all my Pride.
 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the Death of Christ my God:
 All the vain Things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his Blood.
 See from his Head, his Hands, his Feet, Sorrow and Love flow mingled down!
 Did e'er such Love and Sorrow meet? Or Thorns compose so rich a Crown?
 Were the whole Realm of Nature mine, That were a Present far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my Soul, my Life, my All.*

Offertory

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.
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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: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
- 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.**

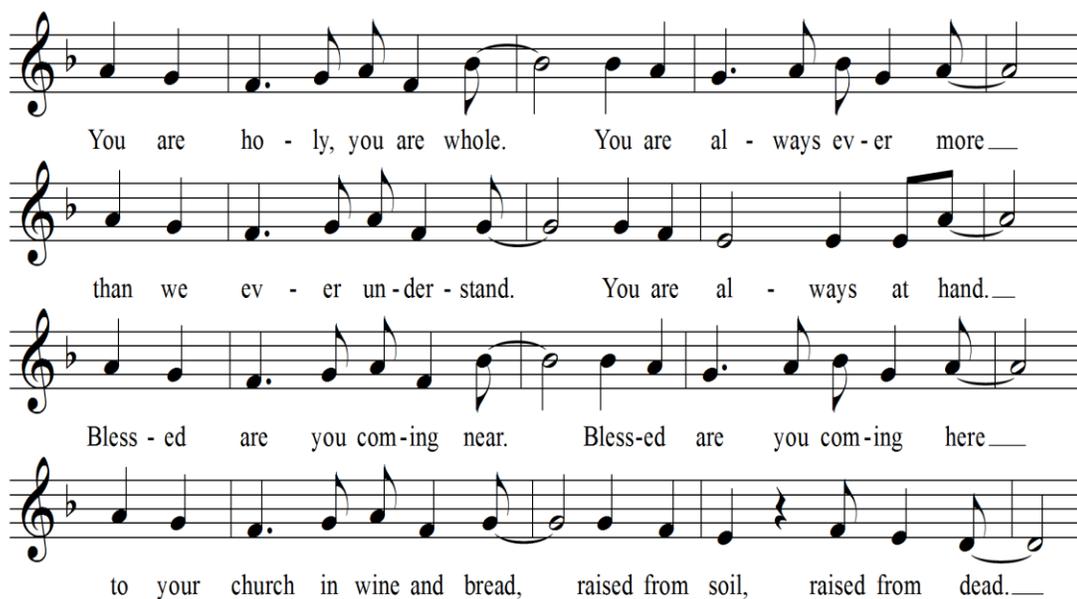
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

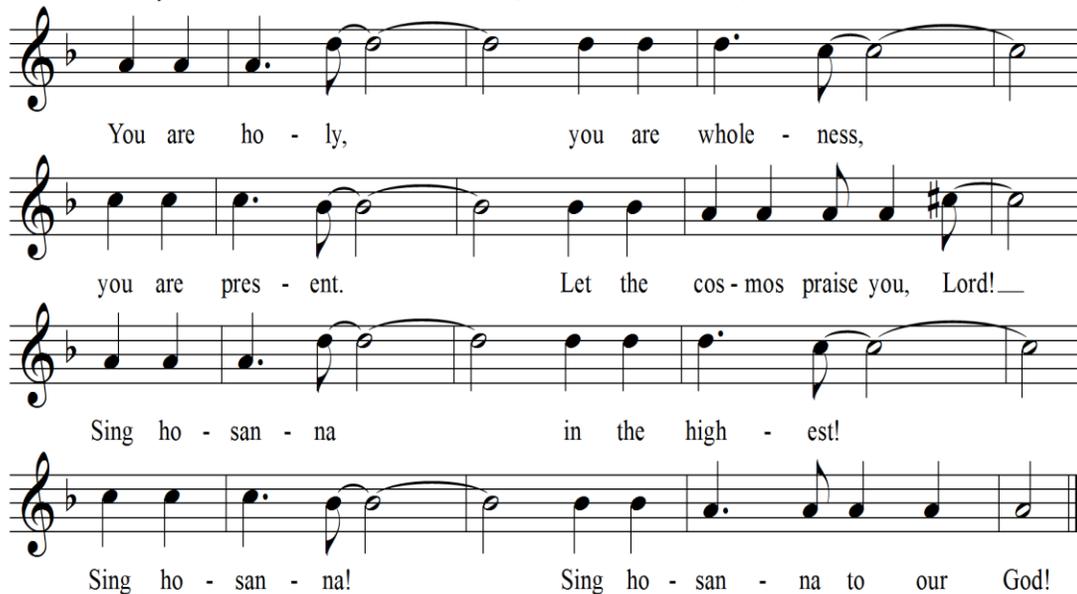
Sing through one time, then lectern side sings 1 & 2, pulpit side sings 2 & 1

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

The 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 has been prepared. All are welcome.



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

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.**

Please be seated

Response



Communion Music

Please stand as you are able.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our 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.*

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW #389

Vss 1 & 5

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.**

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

D. Cherwien

You are invited to remain for the Postlude to enjoy this musical offering of thanksgiving and praise or leave quietly.

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Sending Hymn



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.

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| YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY | Pastor Organist Choir Director Worship Assistant Ushers Altar Servers Reader Communion Servers Coffee Hosts | Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug Kenneth Vigne Dawn Allan Michelle McCreery Dave and Carolyn Hagford Phyllis Dahl and Carolyn Hagford David Ackerman Janna Haug, Debby Pizarro and Mary Sabatke Renate and Eric Amann |
| CHURCH OFFICERS | President Vice President Secretary Treasurer | Marty Carlson Ross Bartels Jon Sprain Ross Bartels |
| STAFF | Children’s Ministry Director Office Manager Custodian Nursery Attendant | Diane LaMere Linda Nelson Dane Peterson Sheridan Swee |

CALENDAR

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|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | 9:30 am | Worship with Holy Communion | Sanctuary |
| | | And Sunday School | Sunday School Rooms |
| | 10:40 am | Coffee Hour | Christy Room |
| | 2:00 pm | Johnson/Makitalo Wedding | Sanctuary |
| MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 | 7:00 pm | AA | Fellowship Hall |
| TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 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, SEPTEMBER 19 | 10:00 am | No Bible Study | Christy Room |
| | 12:00 pm | No Staff Meeting | |
| | 7:00 pm | Confirmation Class | Christy Room |
| | 7:15 pm | Choir Practice | Fellowship Hall |
| THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 12:00 pm | Al Anon | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 pm | Church Council Meeting | Christy Room |
| FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 6:00 pm | Wedding Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 | 4:30 pm | Braun/Baldauf Wedding | Sanctuary |
| | 4:00 pm | Women’s Book Club | Deb Gilroy’s Home |
| SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 | 9:30 am | Worship with Holy Communion | Sanctuary |
| | | and Sunday School | Sunday School Rooms |
| | 10:40 am | Coffee Hour | Fellowship Hall |
| | 11:00 am | “Working” Series Talk | Christy Room |
| MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 | | 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, Peyton Berkland, LOTI members; **Dane Peterson** on the death of his father, Phil Peterson; **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; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Becca Morell..

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 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, (back of church)—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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITORS WELCOME!

Children who are visiting today, age 3 through 6th grade, are more than welcome to come to Sunday School. We do ask that a parent/guardian comes with their child after the Children's Message to check him/her into a classroom. Children will return to worship with their family at the start of Communion. If your child would prefer to remain in worship, please know that there are age appropriate worship materials at the kid's worship table in the Narthex (back of the Sanctuary). Welcome!

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.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL THANK YOU

There was a great turn-out on Sunday, September 9th for the annual pie and ice cream social. Thank you to the everyone who made this day happen by contributing pie, ice cream and your time

MUMS BY THE SIDE ENTRANCE DOOR

Thank you to Lee and Marlene Wilson for the pair of beautiful mum plants outside our 21st St. entrance door.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

SCAN TO GIVE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Taylor Rondestevdt

9/17

Katherine Bracken

9/20

David Hagford 9/22

Heather Jacoby

9/19

Charlie Gruys 9/20

"WORKING" SERIES SPEAKER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

"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 associated with ur congregation are engaged in fascinating work, and this series gives us an opportunity to learn more about what they do.

The next session will be Sunday, September 23rd and will focus on a program that helps women get back to work after living in traumatic environments. The

speaker is Jennifer J. Polzin, CEO of Tubman, a nonprofit organization serving people of all ages and backgrounds who have experienced relationship violence, exploitation, homelessness, addiction or mental health challenges. She will share information about how trauma can impact finding or maintaining meaningful employment, resources for employees, how employers can provide a safe environment where people can do their best work and answer questions about working in the nonprofit sector. 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 5-20 minutes will be an informal talk by Jennifer, leaving the remaining time for questions from those in attendance.

If anyone in the congregation is interested in sharing their own "Working" story, please send an e-mail to jannahaug@yahoo.com.

CONVERSATION AND CUISINE GROUPS

Conversation and Cuisine is a casual evening of getting better acquainted while enjoying a meal in our homes (or choice of a restaurant). Groups made up of 6-8 members and friends of Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church gather for three meals during the course of the year. If you would like to participate in the 2018-2019 groups, please let Janna Haug know by September 30th. You can talk to her during church coffee or e-mail her at jannahaug@yahoo.com.

CUT A RUG GALA FUNDRAISER

SEPTEMBER 30

5:00 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

CALL FOR AUCTION ITEMS!

LOTI Church Council will host a gala on **September 30th** to raise funds for new carpeting in our Sanctuary. The event will include food, drinks, silent auction, and live music.

We are looking for auction items! Examples from the past are artwork, wine and food baskets, use of a cabin or timeshare, as well as voice lessons, special dinners at someone's house, pottery, cookie delivery, tickets to events, and whatever else you can provide that you think someone else might be interesting in procuring! If you have an item to contribute, please contact [Susanne Haas](#) or [Pastor Haug](#).

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES

& Events



September 22

Women's Book Club

4:00 p.m.

Deb Gilroy's Home

September 23

"Working" Speaker Series

11:00 a.m.

September 30

Cut A Rug Gala

5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

October 4

Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

God's Work, Our Hands

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