

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost** ✠
September 23, 2018

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.



*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 54

Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble,

and my eye looks down on my enemies.

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**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW #733

**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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of 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 are an Offering

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-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 voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Text: Dwight Liles
 Music: OFFERING, Dwight Liles

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**James 3:13—
4:3, 7-8a**
The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

Reading

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Please stand as you are able.



Sing twice.

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

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. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

Gospel

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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.**

Congregation,
please be
seated

Anthem

**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.**

Whoever Would be Great Among You

Ronald A. Nelson

*Whoever would be great among you, he must be your servant,
And whoever would be first among you, he must be slave of all.
For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve.
And to give his life as a ransom for many*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

*Please stand as
you are able.*

O Master. Let Me Walk with You

ELW #818

Prayers of the Church

- P: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.
- A: Gracious God, you gather congregations together by the power of your word. Bless leaders with the gifts of wisdom ... 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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple

*Make me a channel of your peace Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord And where there's doubt, true faith in you
Make me a channel of your peace Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light And where there's sadness ever joy*

*Oh, master grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand To be loved as to love with all my soul
Make me a channel of your peace It isn't pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men let we receive And in dying that we're born to turn around*

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!

Last time

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Music: GIVE THANKS. Henry Smith

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Offertory Prayer

- A: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
- 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.

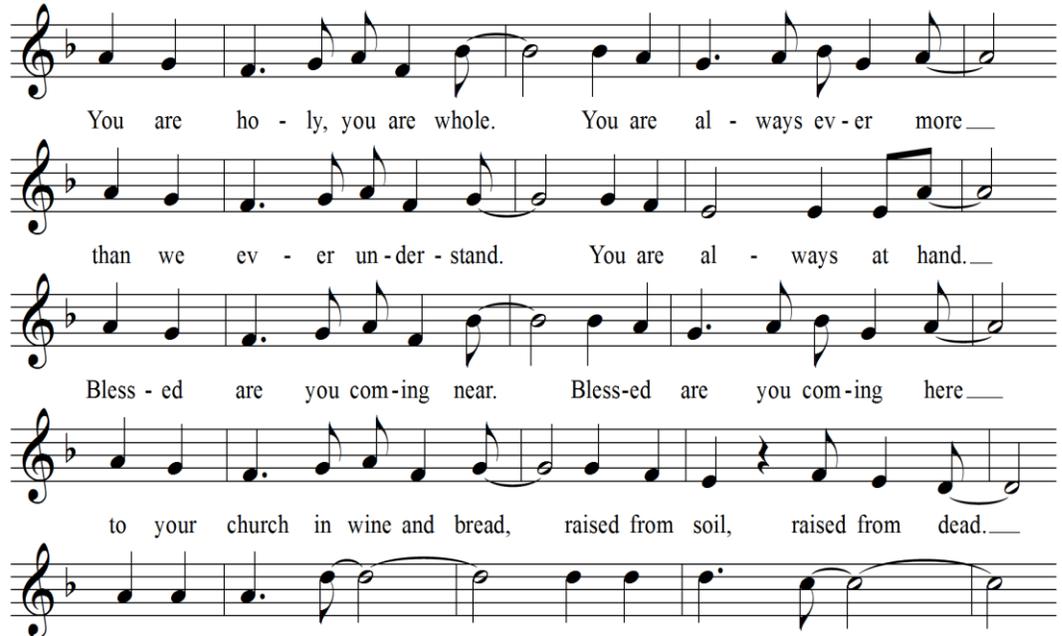
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

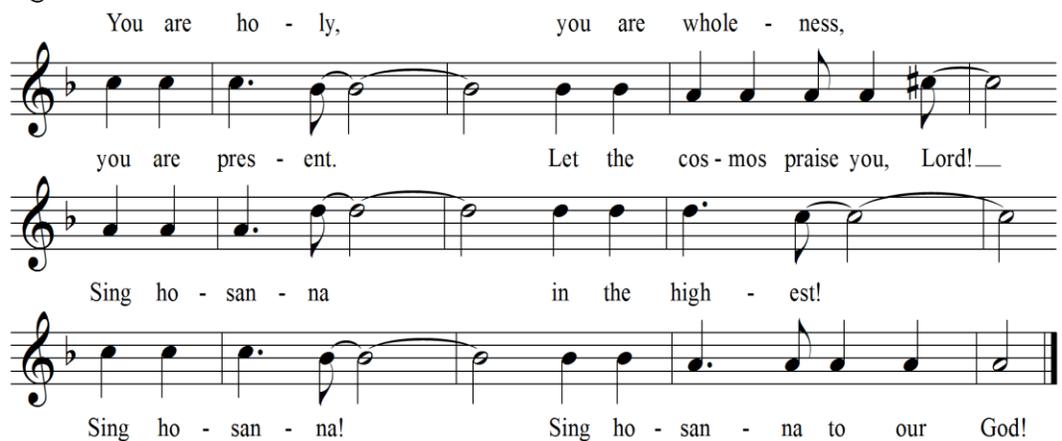
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

1.



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!

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



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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.

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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.



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.*

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW #538

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

Rhapsody on ENVIADO

K. Vigne

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
Organist
Choir Director
Worship Assistant

Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
Kenneth Vigne
Dawn Allan
Marty Carlson



Sending Hymn

	Ushers	Lars and Chanda Olson
	Altar Servers	Kathy Hering
	Reader	Debra Gilroy
	Communion Assistants	Janna Haug, Kathy Hering and Denise Wilkens
	Coffee Host	Eivor Lund, Ellie Holmquist and Ruth Lee
CHURCH OFFICERS	President	Marty Carlson
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	Office Manager	Linda Nelson
	Nursery Attendant	Sheridan Swee

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion And Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	11:00 am	“Working” Series	Christy Room
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25	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	Men’s AA Group	Sunday School Room
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class	Christy Room
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Isles Ensemble Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Growlers and Theology	Parsonage
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28	5:00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Groom’s Dinner	Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	4:00 pm	Finks/Stenglein Wedding	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	2:00 pm	Isles Ensemble Concert	Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Cut A Rug Gala Fundraiser	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, Peyton Berkland**, 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; **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!



David Hagford 9.22

Sheridan Swee 9.26

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.

"WORKING" SERIES SPEAKER

TODAY AT 11:00 A.M.

Today's session 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.

**CUT A RUG GALA FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, 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.

GROWLERS AND THEOLOGY

The informal study of theology and "adult beverages" will resume this fall **Thursday, September 27th at 7:30pm**. Following the model of Luther in his home in Wittenberg, Germany, Pastor Haug will lead a twice monthly gathering at the Parsonage. The next meeting will be **October 11th**.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Autumn 2018 Session begins October 4th at 7:00 p.m. We'll read and discuss bible lessons from *Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply: Receive God's Overflowing Gifts*, from best-selling author Deb Burma, (author of *Living a Chocolate Life*) is a celebration of the camaraderie, companionship, and comfort found in getting coffee with a friend. It's about more than just the warm beverage—it's about spending quality time together.

Meetings will begin Thursday October 4th in the LOTI Library and will be held twice a month.

**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14**

If you are interested in joining the congregation at LOTI, please contact Linda in the church office at 612 377-5095 or by e-mail at linda.nelson@loti.org. New

members will be received during the worship service on October 14th.

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.

**EXTENDED CALENDAR
OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES**

& Events



September 26

Confirmation Class – 7:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal – 7:15 p.m.

September 30

Cut A Rug Carpeting Fundraiser
5:00 p.m. –

October 4

Women's Bible Study
7:00 p.m.

October 14

New Members Received

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Office Hours:

M-T, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm/ F – 9:00-Noon

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