

# Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

## ✠ First Sunday of Christmas ✠ December 30, 2018

*On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Jesus, both in the temple, growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. There is a particular focus of parents in the human family and the nurturing of faith. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.*



*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**

**Prayer of the  
Day**

**✠ 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.*

***Divinum Mysterium***

*Wilbur Held*

**Psalm 148**

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

**Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**young men and maidens, old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

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**

***Angels, from the Realms of Glory***

*ELW #275*

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.**

P: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, **and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

## Dismissal Song

**Colossians 3:12-17**

*Just as newly baptized Christians in the early church were clothed with white robes upon rising from the baptismal waters, so all who have received God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.*



*Please stand as you are able*

**Luke 2:41-52**

*Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.*

## Children's Message

### *Your Little Ones, Dear Lord* ELW #286

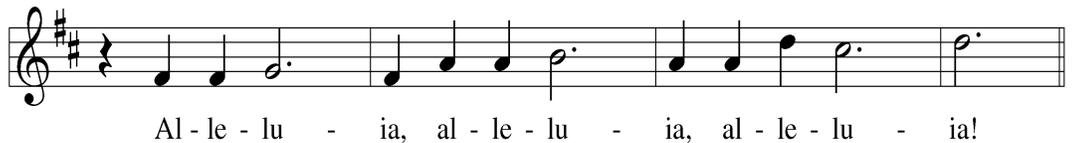
#### Lesson

<sup>12</sup>As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

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

#### Alleluia



**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

#### Gospel

<sup>41</sup>Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

*Please be seated.*

## Hymn of the Day

*Please stand as you are able.*



*Please be seated*

## Sermon

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

### *Our Father, By Whose Name*

*ELW #640*

## Prayers of the Church

P: Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of wisdom, open our ears to hear your grace through the words and deeds of children. Inspire...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.*

## Offering

*Noel*

*Louis Claude Daquin*



## Offertory

*Please stand as you are able.*

### *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and  
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the  
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12  
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

## Offertory Prayer

**A:** Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray.

**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, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Per Harling, b. 1948  
 Music © 2004 Augsburg Fortress

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## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

### 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*



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,  
 have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -  
 est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!  
 O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,  
 grant us thy peace! A - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown  
 Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES. *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

## Lamb of God

### Meditation

#### Distribution

*Throughout the winter season we will be celebrating Holy Communion with individual cups. Wine and grape juice are available, so please identify your preference to the server. 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. 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.**

#### Post-Communion Prayer

- A: God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.  
 C: **Amen.**

### Distribution Music

*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.*

***Cold December Flies Away***  
*ELW #299*

**Sending  
Hymn**

*Please stand as  
you are able.*

**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**

***Von Himmel hoch***

*Friedrich Wilhelm Zachan*

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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. Arden D. Haug
Organist	Kay Else
Choir Director	Dawn Allan
Worship Assistant	Mary Sabatke
Ushers	Eric and Kate Mechels
Altar Servers	Eivor Lund, Ellie Holmquist and Ruth Lee
Reader	Debra Gilroy
Communion Assts	Janna, Haug, Pauline Haug, & Linda Nelson
Coffee Hosts	Justin and Stephanie Kappel

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

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

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Children's Ministry Director  
Custodian  
Office Manager  
Nursery Attendant

Diane LaMere  
Dane Peterson  
Linda Nelson  
Sheridan Swee

**CALENDAR**

<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 31</b>	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 1</b>		<b>CHURCH CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DAY</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study	Library
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 3</b>	12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 pm	PunschKlubben	Fellowship Hall
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 4</b>	6:00 pm	Our Saviour's Shelter Meal	OSH
<b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 5</b>	9:30 am	Priscilla Circle	Christy Room
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 6</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School</b>	Sanctuary
	10:40 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:

**Shirley Carlson, Peyton Berkland, Molly Boylan, Kathy Hering, Mary DeVries, Emily Vigne** and family on the death of her grandmother; LOTI members;; **Debbie Dahl**, daughter-in-law of Phyllis Dahl; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick Pepin; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jenny Cook; **Charles Sabatke**, brother of Bruce Sabatke; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morell; the family of **Jan Palmer**, friend of Pauline Haug

**NURSERY AVAILABLE**

Children are always welcome in worship, however, if the need arises. The nursery will not be staffed this Sunday 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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



*Pauline Haug*

*12/30*

*Shirley Carlson*

*12/31*

*Chris Hovda*

*12/30*

*Allyson Sprain*

*12/31*

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Women's Book Club will meet on Friday, January 11 at 5:00 p.m. at Deb Gilroy's home. We are reading "Pilgrim's Progress" by John Bunyan.

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



## SCAN TO GIVE



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### OUR SAVIOUR'S HOUSING MEALS IN 2019

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church has provided a meal for 40 the first Friday of every month for many years.

This is a wonderful opportunity for families or a group of friends. Check your calendars and pick a month now for 2019. You can reserve your month by calling or emailing Cheri Moe (952-431-5226, [moeclana@aol.com](mailto:moeclana@aol.com)). She can provide you with recipes for a crowd. If you are a Thrivent member, you can apply for a Thrivent Action grant that will cover the cost of the meal as well as some left over to purchase the supplies that Our Saviour's is always in need of.

The following dates have been spoken for:

January 4	Pastor Arden, Janna, Pauline
February 1	Cheri Moe & Family
March 1	Julie & Scott Gallop
April 5	Confirmation Class
May 3	Mary Flynn & Family
June 7	
July 5	
August 2	
September 6	
October 4	
November 1	
December 6	Cheri Moe & Family

If you have never served the meal before or feel the cost is more than you can comfortably afford or you just don't want to do it alone but don't know who to ask, please contact either Cheri or Linda Nelson in the church office. They can contact others who have served and try to find someone who would be interested in serving with you. It's more fun doing it with others and the cost is shared.

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### "WORKING" SERIES

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 AT 11:00 A.M.

"Working" is the theme of an ongoing speaker series in which people associated with our congregation talk about what they do all day and how they feel about the work they do.

The next session will be Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and the guest speaker will be new LOTI member Mary Flynn. Mary works in the Medical Services Unit (MSU) at Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation in Plymouth - a treatment center for adolescents and young adults ages 14 to 24. Her co-worker, Courtney Wilkins, R.N., will also be present to explain direct medical care given to clients while on the MSU and throughout their stay at the facility.

Mary and Courtney'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 Mary and Courtney, leaving the time remaining for questions from those in attendance.

If anyone in the congregation is interested in sharing their own "Working" story, please send an email to [jannahaug@yahoo.com](mailto:jannahaug@yahoo.com)

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### THE GIFT OF GENEROSITY

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported LOTI this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. End of the year gifts to LOTI must be postmarked December 31<sup>st</sup> or delivered to the office by December 31st.

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### EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS



#### January 4

Priscilla Circle  
Christy Room  
9:30 a.m.

#### January 5

Our Saviour's Shelter Meal  
6:00 p.m.

#### January 6

Worship & Holy Communion  
Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.

**January 17**  
Church Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m.

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