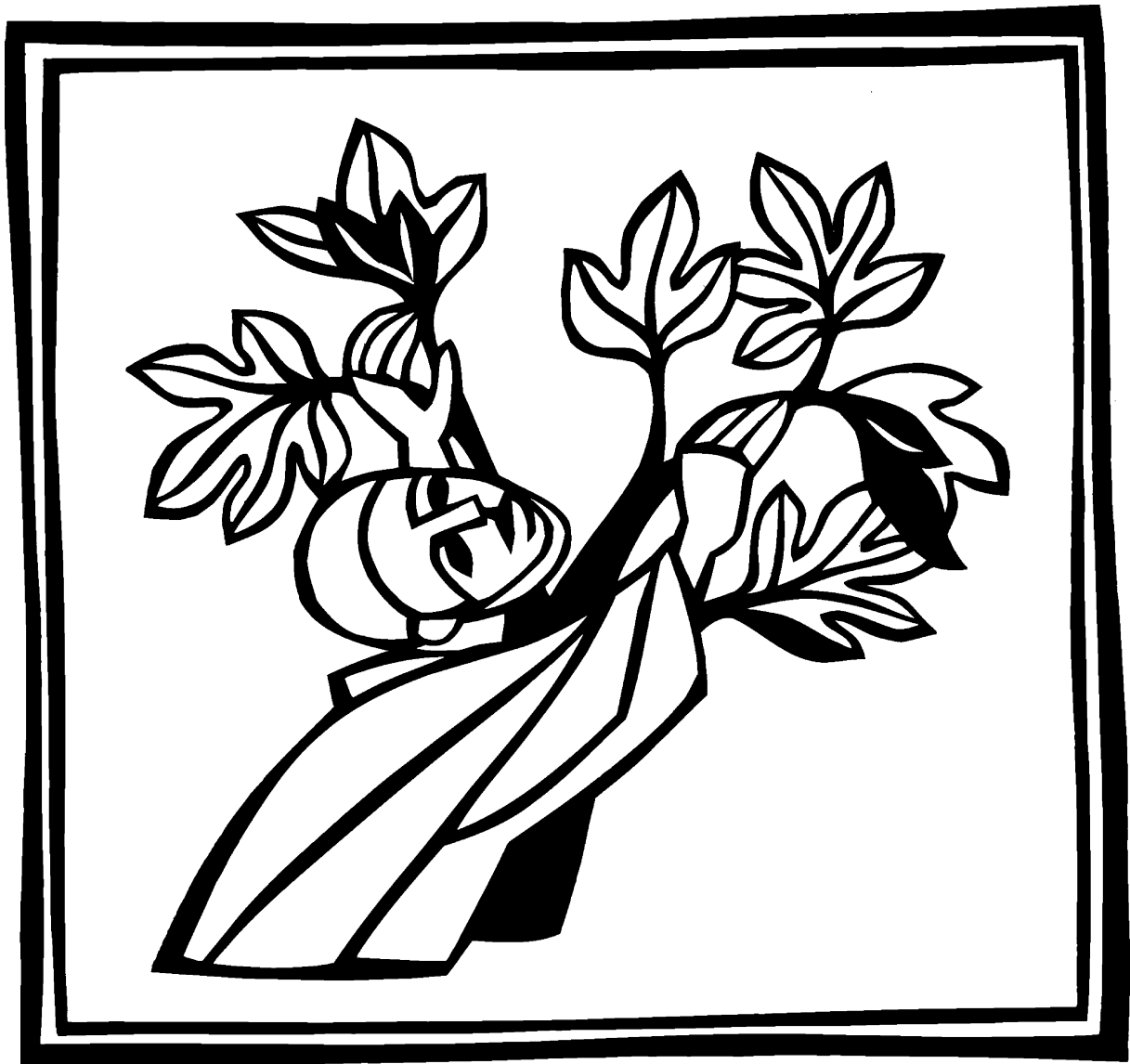


Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Third Sunday in Lent ✠

March 24, 2019

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!



*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**

✠ 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

K. Vigne

Psalm 61

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might
behold your power and your glory.**

For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

**when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night
watches.**

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

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

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

ELW #321

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.**

Throughout this season we embrace the discipline of Lent including self-examination and repentance. Therefore, let us come before God with open hearts.

Kyrie



Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Please sing to
the music above.*

Christe, christe eleison
Christe, christe eleison

P: Most merciful God,

Confession

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*Please sing to
the music above.*

Kyrie, kyrie eleison
Kyrie, kyrie eleison

Words of Absolution

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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 Message

Dismissal Song

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

The musical score is written on four staves. The first two staves have a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The third and fourth staves have a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return

Reading

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their

*to the Lord will
enjoy new life and
forgiveness,
because God's
ways are not our
ways.*

*Please stand as
you are able.*



Luke 13:1-9
*Asked about
current tragic
events, Jesus turns
a lesson about
whether suffering
is deserved into a
hard call to
obedience. He
then tells a
parable that holds
out hope that the
timeline for
ultimate judgment
will be tempered
by patience.*

Apostles Creed

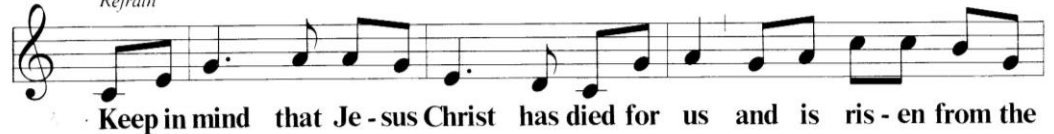
thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Verse

Refrain



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

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

Gospel

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?” ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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.

Please be seated.

Sermon

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

Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.

God Loved the World

ELW #323

Prayers of the Church

P: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation..

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, build up the body of Christ and cause the gifts of your Spirit to grow among us. Lead us to recognize... 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.

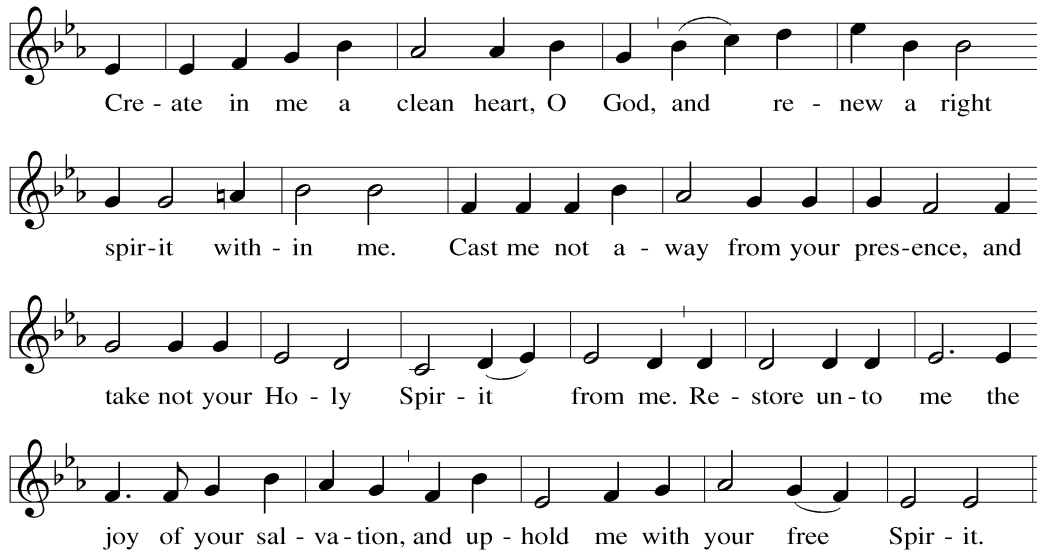
*After the greeting, please **share a word** of peace with your neighbors.*

✠ 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.

How Can I Keep From Singing

*My life flows on in endless song; Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, tho' far-off hymn That hails a new creation;
Thro' all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul—How can I keep from singing?
What tho' my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Saviour liveth;
What tho' the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm While to that refuge clinging;
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, How can I keep from singing?
I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths, Since first I learned to love it,
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am his—How can I keep from singing?*



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

- A: Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.
- 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.*

Offering



Offertory
*Please stand as
you are able.*



**Offertory
Prayer**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

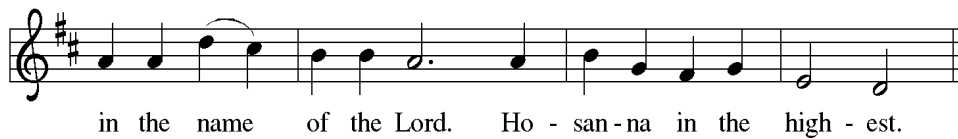
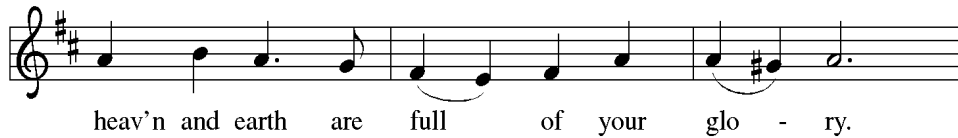
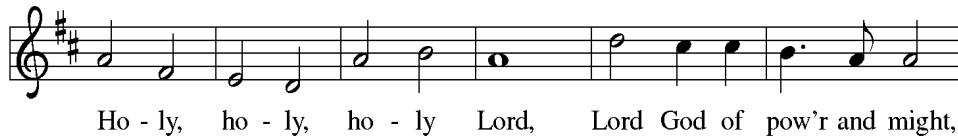
P: Lift up your hearts.

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...



Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

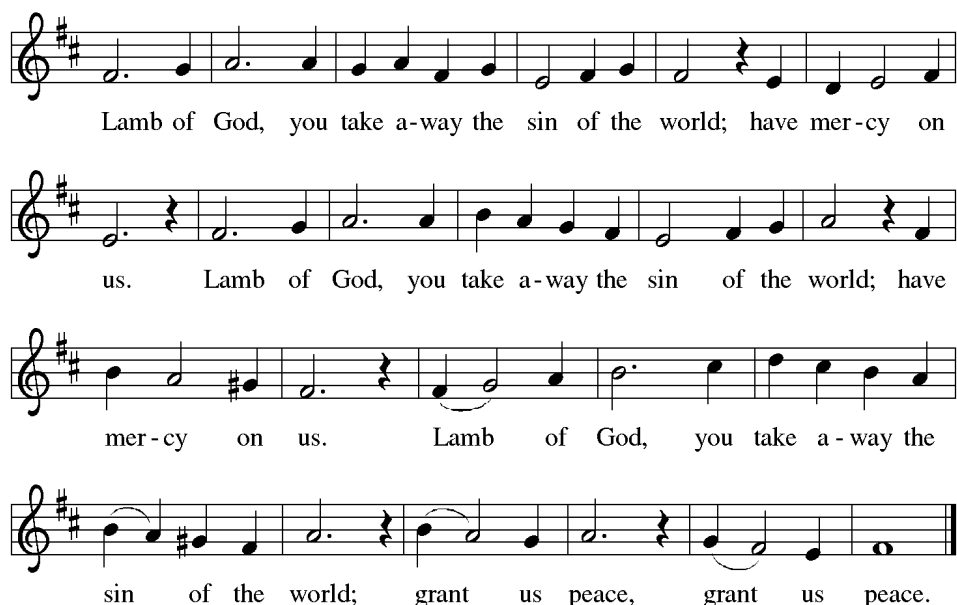
Invitation to Communion

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



Lamb of God



Communion Music

Distribution

Throughout the winter season we will be celebrating Holy Communion with individual cups. Both wine and white grape juice are available. 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.

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: Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ

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.*

*Please stand
as you are
able.*



Print Thine Image Pure and Holy



Print thine im - age pure and ho - ly On my heart, O
So that noth - ing high or low - ly Thy blest like - ness



Lord of Grace;
can ef - face. Let the clear in - scrip - tion be:



Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, And the Lord of all cre - a -



tion, Be my ref - uge and sal - va - tion. A - men.

*Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703
Tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877-*

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

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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. Sam Wolff
	Organist	Kenneth Vigne
	Choir Director	Dawn Allan
	Worship Assistant	Kathy Hering
	Ushers	Eric Amann and David Ackerman
	Altar Servers	Kathy Hering, David and Mary Goplen
	Reader	Jean Carlson
	Communion Servers	Mary Sabatke, Denise Wilkens and Renate Amann
	Coffee Hosts	Ellie Holmquist, Ruth Lee and Eivor Lund
CHURCH OFFICERS	President	Marty Carlson
	Vice President	Ross Formell
	Treasurer	Ross Bartels
	Secretary	Jon Sprain
STAFF	Children's Ministry Director	Diane LaMere
	Custodian	Dane Peterson
	Office Manager	Linda Nelson
	Nursery Attendant	Sheridan Sweet

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 24	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Sanctuary
MONDAY, MARCH 25	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, MARCH 26	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 Rooms
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	11:00 am	Lenten Prayer Service	Library
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	6:15 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer Service	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Confirmation	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, MARCH 28	12:00 pm	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall

	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting	Christy Room
	7:30 pm	Growlers & Theology	Parsonage
SATURDAY, MARCH 30	5:00 pm	Torsk Dinner	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, MARCH 31	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Sanctuary

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, Rick Pepin, Peter Fitch, son of John Fitch;; **Joan Reisberg**, mother of Bernie Reisberg, LOTI members;; **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; **Beth Addington**, church neighbor, **Carol Bungert**, neighbor of Don and Eileen Anderson and **Randi Weeks**.

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 staffed with a Nursery Attendant for 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—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.

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 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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Henry Arent 3/26

John Fitch 3/26

Cody Wilkens 3/26

Charles Jacoby 3/27

Sarah Rand 3/27

Spencer Reisberg 3/27

Eivor Lund 3/29

Jennifer Lundblad 3/30

ANNUAL TORSK DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

5:00 P.M. IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

The annual Torsk dinner on March 30th will feature the music of the Norwegian Glee Club. Reservations are requested so please call the church office at 612 377-5095, RSVP through the online invitation or e-mail linda.nelson@loti.org to make your reservation. The cost of the meal is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. The menu includes an appetizer table, cod with butter cream sauce, green beans, cucumber salad, dessert and beverage. Proceeds from the meal will be used to support Mission Church in Riga, Latvia..

Announcements continued on separate sheet.

CONGRATULATIONS, PASTOR HAUG!

Please join us on Sunday, March 31st at coffee hour for a piece of cake to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Pastor Haug's ordination. He was ordained on March 20, 1994 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

OUR SAVIOUR'S HOUSING MEALS IN 2019

We still need people to sign up to serve the monthly meal at Our Saviour's Housing. 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). She can provide you with recipes for a crowd.

The following dates available: April 5, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4 and November 1.

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.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Order forms for Easter flowers are in your bulletin today. We have to place our final order by April 2. Please be sure to get your order in soon.

SPEAKING TODAY JOEL LEGRED ON

LUTHER PARK AND SUMMER CAMP

It is time to start thinking about summer camp! Today we welcome Joel Legred, Executive Director of Luther Park in Danbury, WI. Joel will be sharing the fun summer opportunities for our youth Grades 1-12. To register for summer camp, go to www.lutherpark.com (type carefully to make sure you are at the Danbury, WI Luther Park!)

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS



March 27

Lenten Mid-Week Prayer Services
11:00 a.m. – Library
7:00 p.m. – Library

March 28

Church Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Growlers & Theology
7:30 p.m.

March 30

Annual Torsk Dinner
5:00 p.m.

April 3 & 10

Lenten Mid-Week Prayer Services
11:00 a.m. – Library
7:00 p.m. – Library

April 4

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

April 7

Caritas Concert & Reception
3:00 p.m.

April 13

Memorial Service for Bruce Sabatke
Visitation at 10:00
Service at 11:00

April 14

Palm Sunday
Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast
10:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt at Parsonage
11:00 a.m.

April 18

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal
6:00 p.m.

April 19

Good Friday Service
7:00 p.m.

April 20

Easter Vigil
8:30 p.m.

April 21

Easter Sunday Services
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Easter Scandinavian Smorgasbord
12:00 p.m.

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