

# Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ **Second Sunday of Easter** ✠

**April 28, 2019**

*In spite of all we have heard and all that we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the Lord Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of the holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*



*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**

*Please be seated.*

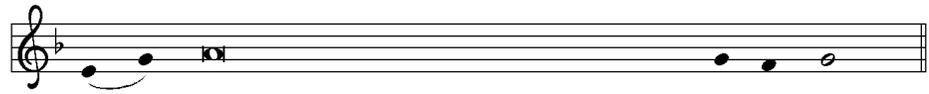
**✠ Gathering ✠**

*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**

*K. Vigne*

**Paschal Blessing**



As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.



Al - le - lu - ia.

On the first day of the week at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their face to the ground, the men said to them: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while you he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise."

***Christ the Lord is Risen Today. Alleluia!***

***ELW #369***

**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.**

**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

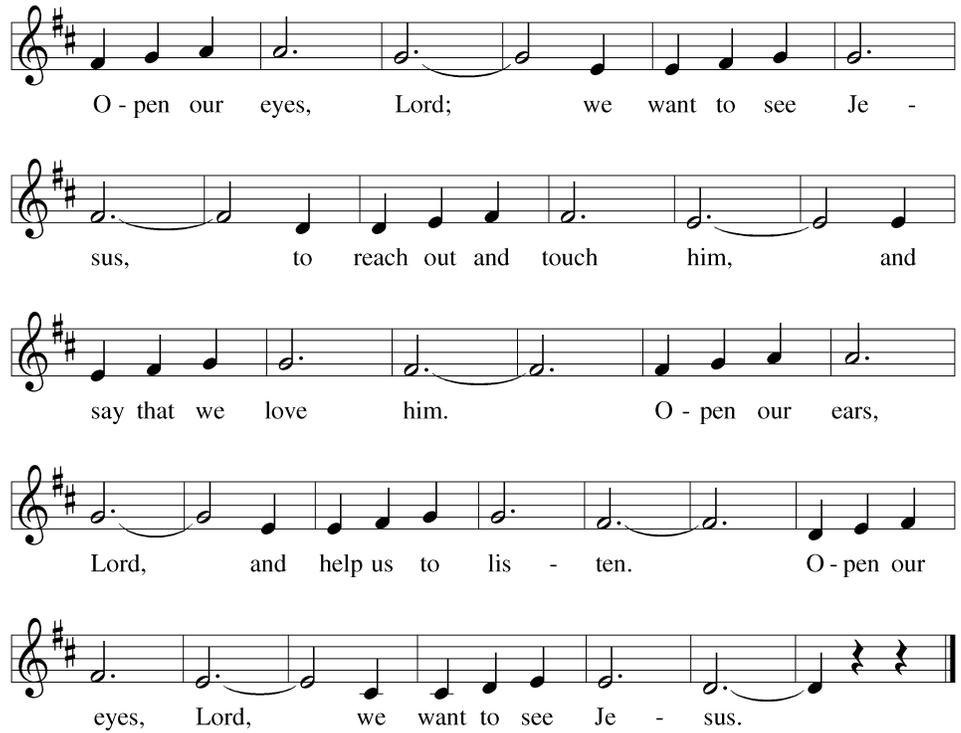
**✠ Word ✠**

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community  
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

**Children's Sermon**

**Dismissal  
Song**

***Open Our Eyes, Lord***



O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see Je -  
sus, to reach out and touch him, and  
say that we love him. O - pen our ears,  
Lord, and help us to lis - ten. O - pen our  
eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

Text: Bob Cull, b. 1949  
Music: OPEN OUR EYES, Bob Cull, b. 1949

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**Revelation 1:4-8**  
*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

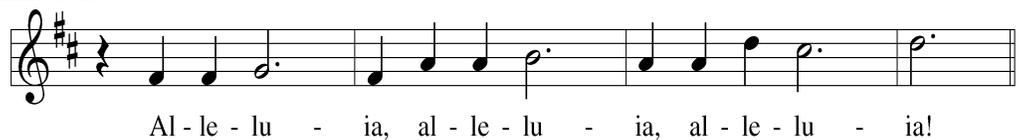
**Reading**

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

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

**Alleluia**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

**John 20:19-31**

*The amazing events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."*

*Please be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gospel**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

*We Walk By Faith*



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.  
Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

## Prayers of the Church

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Strengthen the witness of your church in all corners of the world. Make us visible signs ... 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.*

## Offertory

*Please stand as you are able.*

### *This Joyful Eastertide*

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was  
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in  
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -  
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934  
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

## Offertory Prayer



A: Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake.. **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

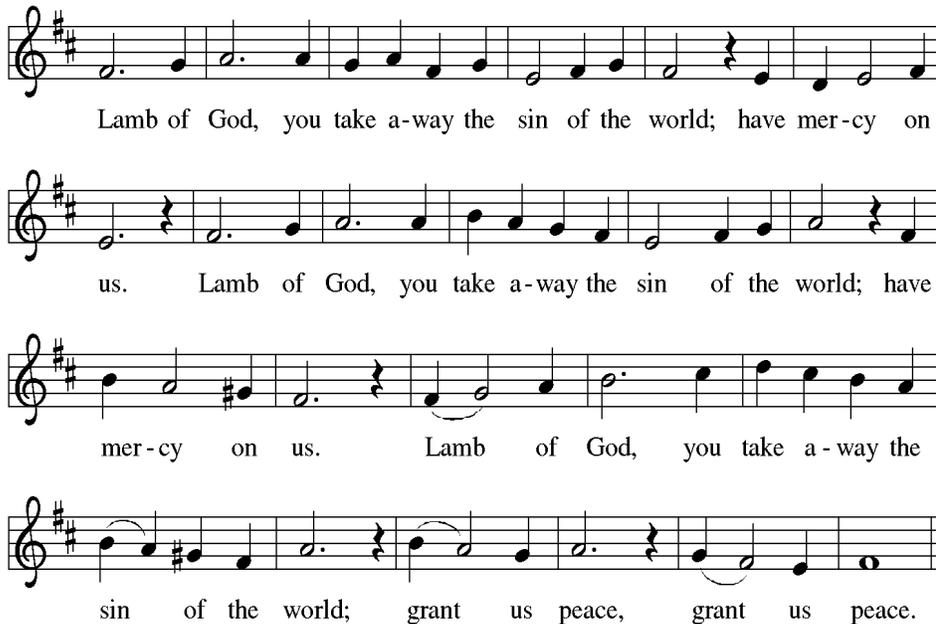
## Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father 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*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## Lamb of God

## *His Eye is on the Sparrow*

*Arr. L. Zaninelli*

## 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.**

## Communion Music

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

A: O God, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ forever; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.*



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927  
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## Post-Communion Canticle

## Benediction

P: Almighty God, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, give you faith and strength to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

## Announcements

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

### *Fugue in D Major BWV 532*

*J. S. Bach*

*You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music and praise.*

## 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.

<b>YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY</b>	Pastor	Rev. Gordon Braatz
	Organist	Kenneth Vigne
	Choir Director	Dawn Allan
	Soloist	Deanna Davis
	Worship Assistant	Marty Carlson
	Ushers	David Ackerman and Mark Duff
	Altar Servers	Kathy Hering, Mary and David Gopen
	Reader	Jean Carlson
	Communion Assistants	Nancy McCutcheon, Lauren Huffman and Bruce Carlson
	Coffee Hosts	Andrea and Casey Christy
<b>CHURCH OFFICERS</b>	President	Marty Carlson
	Vice President	Ross Formell
	Treasurer	Ross Bartels
	Secretary	Jon Sprain
<b>STAFF</b>	Children’s Ministry Director	Diane LaMere
	Caretaker	Dane Peterson
	Office Manager	Linda Nelson
	Nursery Attendant	Sheridan Swee

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### CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 28</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School</b>	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
<b>MONDAY, APRIL 29</b>	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 30</b>	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	Room 201
	10:0 am	<b>No Bible Study</b>	Christy Room
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 1</b>	12:00 pm	<b>No Staff Meeting</b>	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Confirmation	Christy Room
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 2</b>	12:00 pm	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 3</b>	6:00 pm	Our Saviour’s Shelter Meal	OSH
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 4</b>	9:30 am	Priscilla Circle	Christy Room
	10:00 am	Upper Midwest Music Recital	Sanctuary
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 5</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School</b>	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
	2:00 pm	Isles Ensemble Concert & Reception	Sanctuary & FH

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 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, Becca Morell, Molly Boylan, Peter Fitch**, son of John Fitch; **Joan Reisberg**, mother of Bernie Reisberg, LOTI members;; **Virginia Huttner**, mother of Mike Huttner; **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: **David Anderson**, nephew of Bruce and Carol Kuehn; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morell; **Beth Addington**, church neighbor, **Carol Bungert**, neighbor of Don and Eileen Anderson.

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Carolyn Hagford 5/2

Bridget Fleck 5/3

#### 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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!

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#### LUTHER PARK SUMMER CAMP

Registration is open for summer camp at Luther Park in Danbury, WI for our LOTI youth (Grades 1-12). Lots of fun opportunities! Go to [www.lutherparkdanbury.com](http://www.lutherparkdanbury.com) for more information and to register online.

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#### "WORKING" SERIES

SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

11:00 P.M. – CHRISTY ROOM

"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, May 12<sup>th</sup> and the guest speaker will be Bruce Carlson.

After two chance events in college redirected him from a career in fish biology to the study of regeneration, and human embryonic development, Bruce embarked on a 40 year career as a professor at the University of Michigan Medical School. His research led to his living in five different countries and writing 15 books. Along the way, he married one of his medical students, Jean, who later spent 20 years working with him in the lab. In 1989, another chance encounter connected Bruce to the Fetzer Institute, an association that has continued in various capacities until he became interim executive vice-president last

year. As of February, Bruce is delightfully unemployed.

Bruce's talk will take place after a brief coffee break following the Sunday morning service.

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***ELECTRONIC GIVING  
SCAN TO GIVE***



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***EASTER THANK YOU***

Thank you to everyone in the congregation who helped out during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Don Holzschuh and Jake Kunerth for preparing and serving the pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday, all of the Sunday School children who helped with the serving, everyone who volunteered to sing and help during the many services during Holy Week, Dane Peterson for all the extra cleaning, Jean Carlson for providing wine for communion, and Lee Wilson for the beautiful containers of pansies at the side entrance.

Also, thank you to everyone who ordered flowers for Easter. There was an amazing response and we had 59 plants delivered. The sanctuary was especially beautiful on Easter Sunday.

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***ISLES ENSEMBLE  
CONCERT & RECEPTION  
SUNDAY, MAY 5  
2:00 P.M.***

Beethoven - Bei Männern Variations for Cello and Piano

Tom Rosenberg, cello  
Tim Lovelace, piano

Rachmaninoff - Excerpts from Six Morceaux for Piano, Four Hands, Op. 11

Tim Lovelace & Ivan Konev, piano

Brahms - Sextet No. 2, in G Major, Opus 36

Stephanie Arado & David Leung, violins  
Tom Turner & Sifei Cheng, violas  
Richard Belcher & Tom Rosenberg, cellos

**Suggested Donation:**  
\$20 General Admission

\$15 Seniors  
\$10 Students

For more information visit [islesensemble.org](http://islesensemble.org) or call 612 669-2836.

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***MOTHER'S DAY  
SCANDINAVIAN SMORGASBORD  
SUNDAY, MAY 12 AT-12:00 NOON  
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW***

Please call the church office to make your reservation for the Mother's Day Scandinavian Smorgasbord on Sunday, May 12th. Tickets are \$27 each for adults, \$12.50 for children 5 to 12 years old and children under the age of 5 are free.

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

***& Events***



**May 4**

Priscilla Circle

9:30 a.m. in the Christy Room

**May 5**

Isles Ensemble Concert

And Reception

2:00 p.m.

**May 9**

Growlers & Theology

**May 12**

Mother's Day Smorgasbord

12:00 p.m.

**May 16**

Church Council Meeting

7:00 p.m.

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