

# Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

## ✘ First Sunday of Advent ✘ December 1, 2019

*Today we begin the new church year with the First Sunday of Advent. Advent, which means “coming,” is a season of hoping, waiting, yearning and preparing, but for what and for whom? In many old Lutheran liturgies, the story of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem was the gospel story read on this Sunday. It was a colorful reminder, that it is not simply a “baby in Bethlehem” entering into our story, but it is a savior who comes in the name of the Lord.*



*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

## Penitential Rite

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Confession

## Words of Absolution

## ✠ 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.*

## *Concerto in D for Trumpet, mvt. I*

*G. Torelli/ Michel Rondeau*

## ✠ Confession and Forgiveness ✠

P: Throughout the season of Advent we prepare ourselves to receive the King of glory anew. Therefore, let us come before God with open hearts.

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. **Amen.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

P: Most merciful God,

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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



## Gathering Hymn

### *Lift Up Your Heads*

*Verse 1 all, vs 2 women, vs 3 men, vs 4 & 5 all*



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold, the  
2 Oh, blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the  
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
5 So come, my Sov - 'reign; en - ter in! Let new and



King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
rul - er is con - fessed! Oh, hap - py hearts and  
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spir - it



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!  
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

## 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

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.**

*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.

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of hope. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

**“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.”** Isaiah 9:2

Let us pray:

**Lord, as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.**

Dear Jesus lead us to your bed, In Bethlehem we pray.  
A candle we shall light, O Lord, To Guide us on our way.

### **Advent Gradual (Sung by the Choir)**

*Hosianna* by G.J Vogler

Sing Hosanna, David's Son! O, welcome him with song!  
Sing Hosanna David's Son, who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Sing Hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna in the highest.  
Sing Hosanna David's Son, who comes in the name of the Lord.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.  
**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Matthew 21:1-9**

### **Gospel**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

*Please be seated.*

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

### ***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Gates***

Georg Philipp Telemann

*Lift up you heads, ye gates, Lift the everlasting doors high,  
that the King of all Glory may enter.*

*Who is this King of all glory and power?  
He is the Lord, strong and mighty in strife.*

*Lift up you heads, ye gates, Lift the everlasting doors high,  
that the King of all Glory may enter.*

*Who is this King of all glory and power?  
He is the Lord Sabaoth. He is the King of all glory. Selah, selah.*

### **Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.

## O Zion Acclaim Your Redeemer

*With exaltation*



1. O Zi - on ac - claim your Re - deem - er! Je - ru - sa - lem, wel - come your King!
2. He comes from the joys of the a - ges, He leaves His do - min - ion sub - lime,
3. He comes as a ran - som most ho - ly, He dies on the cross for the world;
4. He comes from the tomb as a Vic - tor, The shad - ows of death clear a - way;
5. He comes to the sor - row - ing bos - om And life is re - newed by His hand.



Strew palms on the way for the Sav - ior, His prais - es ex - ult - ant - ly sing.  
From glo - ry to Beth - le - hem's man - ger He comes in the full - ness of time.  
Re - demp - tion from sin is ac - com - plished, His ban - ner of light is un - furled.  
The slum - ber - ing saints are a - wak - ened, A - roused from their sleep in the clay.  
He comes to es - tab - lish a king - dom That shall through e - ter - ni - ty stand.



### REFRAIN



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice in your Sav - ior and King! Re -



joice! Re - joice! Ac - claim Him your Sav - ior and King!



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## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Adelaide Elizabeth Schwarm*

Parents: Andrew and Monica Schwarm

Sponsors: Alex Schwarm, Michelle Johnson  
and Shannon Mitchell

Presentation

## Profession of Faith

**P:** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C:** I renounce them.

**P:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**C:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**P:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C:** 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.

**P:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C:** 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.



## Thanksgiving at the Font

*Congregation may be seated.*

## Baptism

**C:** We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

### **Baptism**

#### **Hymn**

*(Please join in singing the refrain.)*



**The Baptismal Song** Lisa Holt Thompson

You are re - born you are made new;  
You are God's chi - ld to - day. - - - You are washed in the  
wa - ter Blessed by the Word, part of God's fam - ily to stay.

## Prayers of the Church

P: Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church ... 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.*

*Please be seated*

## Offering

### *Concerto in D for Trumpet, mvt. 2*

*G. Torelli/ Michel Rondeau*

## Offertory

*Please stand as you are able.*

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



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

**A:** Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

**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.**

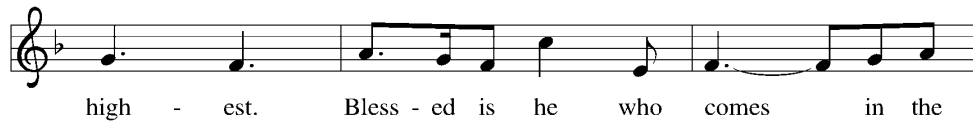
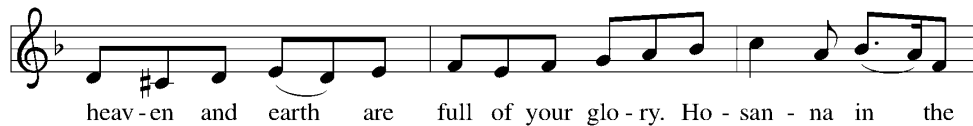
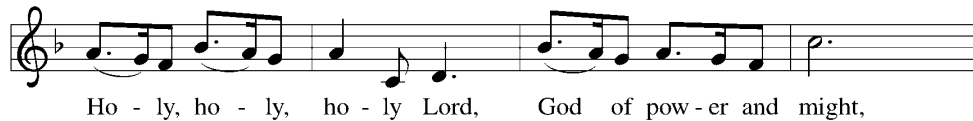
**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**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...



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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.**

*(During the season of Advent and Christmas, we will use the traditional words for the Lord's Prayer.)*

### 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



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



### *Quemadmodum desiderat cervus BuxWV92*

*Dieterich Buxtehude*

## Communion Music

### 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.**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

A: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.*

### ***O Lord, How Shall I Meet You***

*ELW #241 vss 1 & 4*

*Sung to the tune Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*

### **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**

#### ***Concerto in D for Trumpet, mvt. 3***

*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  
Guest Organist  
Guest Choir Director  
Worship Assistant  
Advent Wreath Family

Rev. Arden D. Haug  
Samuel Long  
Debra Gilroy  
Steve Hoyt  
The Reisberg Family

*Please stand as  
you are able.*

**Sending  
Hymn**

	Baptism Song	Kathy Hering and Diane LaMere
	Ushers	Linda Nelson
	Altar Servers	Pauline Haug and Linda Nelson
	Communion Servers	Pauline Haug, Janna Haug, Mary Knoblauch
	Coffee Hosts	Ross & Wesley Bartels and Brenda Weigel
	Strings	Nanette Goldman, Carol Margolis, violins Ingrid Koller, viola, Darryl Carlson, cello
	Oboe	Laura Nortwen and Kathryn Greenbank
	Trumpet	Benjamin Alle
<b>CHURCH OFFICERS</b>	President	Marty Carlson
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	Seminarian	Al Aakre
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	Nursery Attendant	Tori Reisberg

**CALENDAR**

<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b>	
		<b>No Sunday School</b>	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 2</b>	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3</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 56
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Confirmation	Christy Room
	7:15 pm	Choir Practice	Fellowship Hall
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5</b>	12:00 pm	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6</b>	6:00 pm	Shelter Meal	Our Saviours' Housing
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7</b>	9:30 am	Priscilla Circle	Christy Room
	9:30 am	Set-up for Christmas Tea	Fellowship Hall
	2:00 pm	SVEAMN Christmas Party	Fellowship Hall
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School</b>	Sanctuary
	10:40 am	Christmas Tea	Fellowship Hall
	2:00 pm	Philip Low Student Recital	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, Dawn Allan, Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick Pepin; **Gary Olson**, father of Lars Olson; **David Cook**, brother of Jennifer Cook; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jenny

Cook; **Mary McCarthy**, friend of Nancy McCutcheon; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morell, **Deb Benson**, mother of Kayla Hoel.

<p><b>Loved Ones In The Military</b> Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.</p>	
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



**Katherine Mechels 12/5      David Brost 12/7**

**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. 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.

**STEWARDSHIP CARDS**

For those of you who were not present at worship services on Stewardship Sunday and have not turned in your pledge, pledge cards are available in the narthex or ask one of the ushers to get one for you.

**OUR SAVIOUR'S HOUSING MEALS IN 2020**

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 2020. 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.

**These are the dates for the shelter meal in 2020: January 3, February 7, March 6, April 3, May 8, June 5, July 3 August 7, September 4, October, November 6 and December 4.**

**EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS**



- December 10**  
Women's Bible Study  
7:00 – Church Library
- December 13**  
Women's Book Club  
7:15 p.m.
- December 14**  
Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m.  
  
Traditional JULBORD  
"Christmas Smorgasbord"  
5:00 p.m.
- December 15**  
Children's Christmas Pageant  
Santa Lucia  
  
Traditional JULBORD  
"Christmas Smorgasbord"  
12:00 p.m.
- December 24**  
Christmas Eve  
Family Service at 4:30 p.m.  
Candlelight Service at 10:00 p.m.
- December 25**  
Christmas Day  
Church Office is Closed
- December 29**  
Worship Service/No Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.

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