

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Sixth Sunday after Epiphany ✠
February 16, 2020

In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.



*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

Kyrie

❖ 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.

Flute of Grace

Mons Leidvin Takle (b.1942)

Psalm 119

Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,

who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

⁷I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

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

As We Gather at Your Table

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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.**

Russian

1,3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - - - - i - - son.
Chris - te e - le - - - - i - - son.

Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

Gloria



Peruvian

Glory to God

Leader

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

All

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

Leader

To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

Leader

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Music: Peruvian traditional

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

Children's Message

Father, We Love You

1 Fa - ther,
2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,
3 Spir - it,

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth;

glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

Text: Donna Adkins

Music: GLORIFY THY NAME, Donna Adkins

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**Deuteronomy
30:15-20**
The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.

Reading

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Please stand as
you are able.

Matthew 5:21-30
In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.

Apostles' Creed

Hallelujah

Caribbean

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

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

Gospel

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.”

- 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.

Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.

Sermon

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

O God, My Faithful God
ELW #806

Prayers of the Church

P: Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: Shepherding God, you protect and guide us with... 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.

Day by Day

Richard of Chichester/ Mark Schweizer

*O Holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
Gentle, loving Savior, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
follow you more nearly, day by day.*

Offering

El Salvadoran

Let us go now to the ban-quet, to the feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta-ble's
set and a place is wait - ing; come, ev-'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956

Music: Guillermo Cuéllar

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Offertory

*Please stand as
you are able.*

A: God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life..

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.*

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...

Swedish

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.
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!

Part 1

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

Part 2

Text: Per Harling, b. 1948
Music: Per Harling
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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

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 on request.

*Les Barricades Mystérieuses, Sixième Ordre
From Pièces de Clavecin*

Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

**Distribu-
tion
Music**

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: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours 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.*

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways
ELW #772

**Sending
Hymn**

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

Power of Life

Mons Leidvin Takle (B.1942)

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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**

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Communion Servers
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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

Sanctuary

No Sunday School

Pick-Up Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Coffee Hour

Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary

2:00 pm

A. Janse Student Recital

Fellowship Hall

Sanctuary

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

AA

Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

LOTI Prayer Ministry

Christy Room

SA Support Group

Christy Room

AA Spiritual Recovery Group

Christy Room

Men's AA Group

Room 56

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Bible Study

Christy Room

10:00 am

Staff Meeting

Christy Room

7:00 pm

Christy Room

Confirmation

Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal

Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Al-Anon

Christy Room

Church Council Meeting

Christy Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Worship with Holy Communion

Sanctuary

and Sunday School

Sanctuary

9:30 am

Coffee Hour

10:40 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome today our guest pastor, Rev. Peter Samuelson. He presently serves as a pastor with Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota.

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, Gary Olson, father of Lars Olson; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Mary McCarthy**, friend of Nancy McCutcheon; **Lynn Williamson**, family of Bruce and Carol Kuehn; **Lars Peterssen**, friend and colleague of Denise Wilkens; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morell; **Deb Benson**, mother of Kayla Hoel; **Trevor Daniel**, prayer request by Cheri Moe.

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.

BABY CHANGING TABLE ADDITION

There is now a second baby changing table available in the women's restroom in the lower level of the church.

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Don Holzschuh 2.18

BAKERS NEEDED FOR FEBRUARY 23RD COFFEE HOUR

We need a few volunteers to bake Fastelavn buns for coffee hour on Sunday, February 23. Please let Linda know in the church office if you can help. Recipe provided if you have not made them before.

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). 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. It is helpful for Cheri to have the calendar filled out as far ahead of time as possible so there is not a last minute scramble to find someone to serve.

These are the dates for the shelter meal in 2020:

**June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2,
November 6**

CAMP SUNDAY - MARCH 1

Ready to think about and plan some summer fun? We are! Joel Legred, Executive Director of Luther Park in Danbury, WI will be coming on March 1 to share the fun opportunities for our youth Grades 1-12. Go to www.lutherpark.com for registration and more information about this great summer option for our youth (type carefully to make sure you are at the Danbury, WI Luther Park!) (Type carefully to make sure you are at the Danbury, WI Luther Park!)

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF LOTI CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS



February 20

Church Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.

February 23

Fastelavn Sunday

February 26

Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 p.m.

March 1

Camp Sunday

Our Hands, God's Help

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M-F, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

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