

# Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

## ✠ Second Sunday of Lent ✠ March 8, 2020

*During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*



*Study for Nicodemus visiting Jesus*  
Henry Ossawa Tanner

*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.*

***lère Gnossienne***

*Erik Satie*

**Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes | to the hills; from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**  
the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will | keep your life.

**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from  
this time forth forevermore.**

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**

***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

*ELW #759*

**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.

*(To be sung by the Assisting Minister and repeated by the Congregation.)*

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

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.*

### **Confession**

*Christe, christe eleison*  
***Christe, christe eleison***

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.**

*Please sing to  
the music above.*

### **Words of Absolution**

*Kyrie, kyrie eleison*  
***Kyrie, kyrie eleison***

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: **O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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 Message**

#### **Reading**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4a</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Genesis 12:1-4a***  
*God's call of  
Abram and Sarai  
has a clear  
purpose—that  
through them all  
the families of the  
earth would gain a  
blessing.*

Please stand as you are able.



**John 3:1-17**  
*A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.*

Please be seated.  
**Hymn of the Day**  
Please stand as you are able.

## Lenten Verse

*Refrain*

Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the  
dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.

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

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

## Gospel

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

<sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## Sermon

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

**Lamb of God**

ELW #336



## Prayers of the Church

P: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of rebirth, empower your church throughout the world to be a voice of hope ... 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 as you are comfortable.*

## ✠ 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

### God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcot

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son  
That whoso believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

## Offertory

*Please stand as you are able.*



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

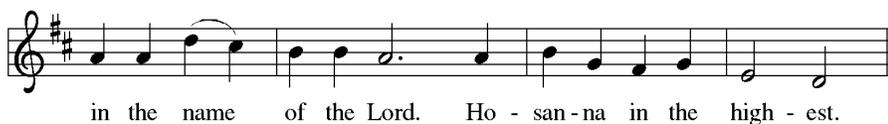
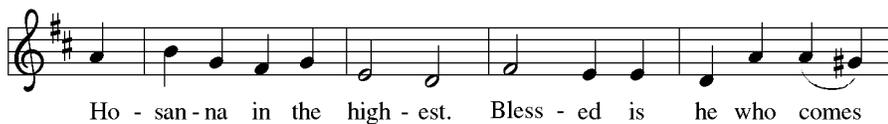
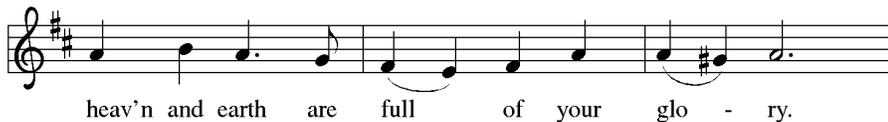
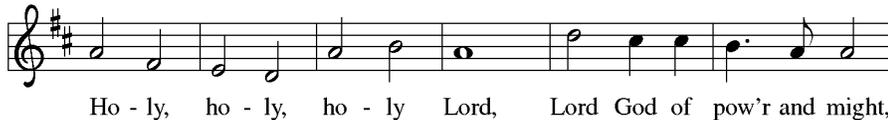
- A: Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever
- C: **Amen.**

### ✠ 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...



## Words of Institution

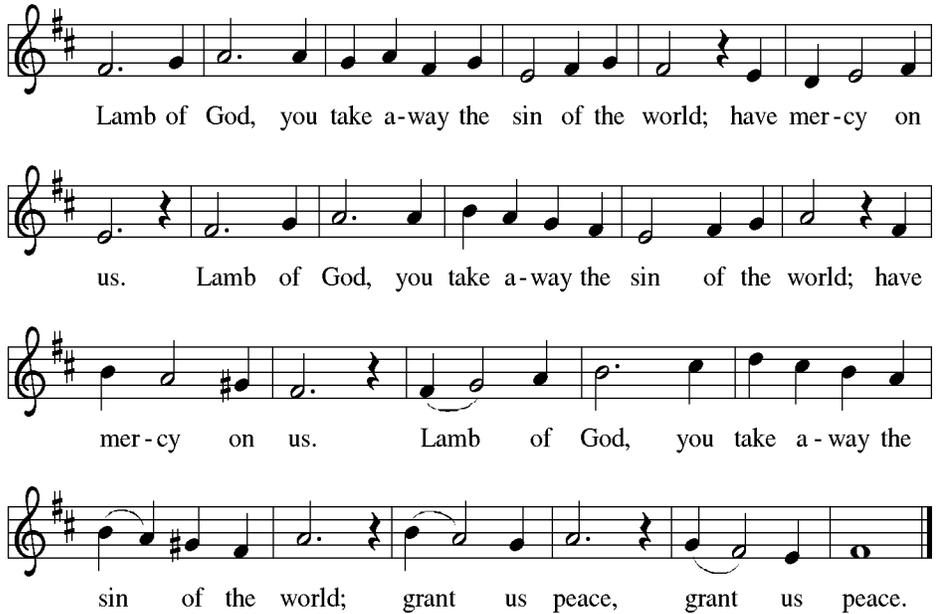
### Lord's Prayer

**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.



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.

## *lère Gymnopédie*

*Erik Satie*

## Distribution

*During this Lenten 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. Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

## 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, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.

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 be  
seated*

## Lamb of God



## Distribution Music

*Please stand  
as you are  
able.*



*Print Thine Image Pure and Holy*

**Sending  
Hymn**

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

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**

**Introitus in D, Op. 1274**

*Carson Cooman*

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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.

<b>YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY</b>	Pastor Organist Choir Director Worship Assistant Reader Ushers Altar Servers Communion Servers  Coffee Hosts	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug Dr. Kris Rizzotto Dawn Allan Marty Carlson Jean Carlson Casey Christy and David Hagford Mary and David Goplen Mary Sabatke, David Ackerman and Renate Amann Eric and Naomi Mechels
<b>CHURCH OFFICERS</b>	President Vice President Treasurer Secretary	Chanda Olson Jennifer Cook Ross Bartels Jon Sprain
<b>STAFF</b>	Children’s Ministry Director Seminarian Office Manager Nursery Attendant Custodian	Diane LaMere Al Aakre Linda Nelson Tori Reisberg Fernando Fierros

**CALENDAR**

<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 8</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	Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	A. Janse Student Recital	Sanctuary
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 9</b>	7:00 pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 10</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	Sunday School Rooms
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study	Christy Room
	11:00 am	Lenten Prayer Service	Library
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer Service	Library
	7:30 pm	Confirmation	Christy Room
	7:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 12</b>	12:00 pm	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:30 am	<b>Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School</b>	Sanctuary
10:40 am	Coffee Hour	Sanctuary
11:00 pm	Service Outside the Church Series	Christy Room
12:00 pm	Scandinavian Smorgasbord	Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm	Classic Actors Rehearsal	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, Mark Hering**, husband of Kathy Hering, **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; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morell, **Deb Benson**, mother of Kayla Hoel; **Trevor Daniel**, prayer request by Cheri Moe.

**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



<b>Debra Gilroy 3.9</b>	<b>Lee Wilson 3.9</b>
<b>Wesley Bartels 3.10</b>	<b>Jill Gruys 3.10</b>

### “SERVING OUTSIDE THE CHURCH” SECOND IN A SERIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 AT 11:00

Mike Lloyd, Executive Director of Community Emergency Service (CES) will be the next speaker in the “Serving Outside the Church” series on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

CES is a non-profit crisis relief and empowerment community outreach that extends God's love to those in the inner city of South and North Minneapolis. Inspired by the philanthropy of Russel Lund, Sr (of Lund's Foods) and the vision of Pastor William Berg, CES was organized in 1971 as an outreach of Augustana Lutheran Church of Minneapolis. It began with the purpose of offering a one-stop, personal approach for crisis aid for the inner city's poorest residents. CES staff and its 1,000 volunteers are on the frontlines of providing hope and compassion to multi-generational, multi-cultural, low-income residents of Minneapolis.

Mike's talk will take place at 11:00. After a brief time of fellowship, you can bring your coffee and snack to the Christy room for Mike's presentation from 11:00 - 11:45.

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***IRISH MUSIC FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
WORSHIP - SUNDAY, MARCH 15***

We will celebrate the missionary life of St. Patrick in our morning worship service on Sunday, March 18th. Irish music will be performed by Tom Klein, a master uilleann piper. The uilleann pipes are a unique Irish bagpipe. Instead of standing and playing, performers sit and pump a bellow with their elbow. He will perform for the Sunday School as well.

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***SCANDINAVIAN SMORGASBORD  
SUNDAY, MARCH 15 -12:00 NOON***

Please call the church office to make your reservation for the next Scandinavian Smorgasbord on St. Patrick's Day. Menus are posted on the bulletin boards. You can make your reservation online or by calling the church office.

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***A SEASON OF HOPE  
PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF***

During this season of Lent, our congregation will be participating in collecting and assembling personal care kits for struggling families in fragile corners of the world. Please see the insert in the bulletin today. You can contribute in one of two ways—you can make a cash donation and we will purchase the items in bulk or your family can purchase the items for a single kit (or two if you wish) and bring those items to the church. If you decide to purchase items yourself, please following the guidelines on the insert. We would like to include at least 3-4 bars of soap with each kit so they have soap for several months. In April, after Easter, we will have an assembly day probably during coffee hour when we put the kits together and prepare them for shipping. Please contact Linda Nelson in the church office if you have any questions or would like to help.

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***EASTER FLOWER ORDERS***

Order forms for Easter flowers are in your bulletin today. We have to place our final order by March 31. Please be sure to get your order in soon.

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



**March 11, 18, 25**

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

**March 12 & 26**

Growlers & Theology  
7:00 p.m. – Parsonage

**March 15**

“Serving Outside the Church  
Second in a Series  
11:00 a.m. – Christy Room

Scandinavian Smorgasbord  
12:00 Noon – Fellowship Hall

**March 19**

Church Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
Women's Bible Study  
7:00 p.m.

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*Nicodemus helping to take down Jesus' body from the cross **Pietà**, by Michelangelo*