



# Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

## ✠ Ascension Sunday ✠

May 24, 2020

*Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

## ✠ 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.*

**Prelude**

### *Floral Prelude on Zehenspitzen Durch die Tulpen*

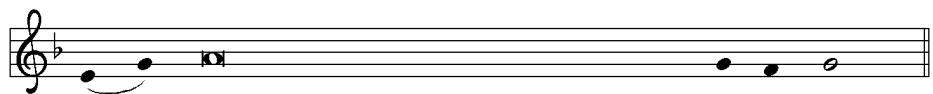
*Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949)*

**Welcome**

**Call to  
Worship**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

### **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 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."

**Gathering  
Hymn**

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the  
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers  
 sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they  
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
 see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.  
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."  
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



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

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

**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**

**Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign 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**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

*The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.*

**Reading**

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

**Luke 24:44-53**

*On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.*

**Gospel**

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## Anthem

### *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*

*Traditional Carol/ Richard Shephard*

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day; I would my true love did so  
chance To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my  
dance;*

#### **Chorus :**

*Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, This have I done for my true love.*

*For thirty pence Judas me sold, His covetousness for to advance:  
Mark whom I kiss, the same do hold! The same is he shall lead the  
dance.*

*Before Pilate the Jews me brought, Where Barabbas had  
deliverance; They scourged me and set me at naught, Judged me to  
die to lead the dance.*

*Then on the cross hanged I was, Where a spear my heart did  
glance; There issued forth both water and blood, To call my true  
love to my dance.*

*Then up to heaven I did ascend, Where now I dwell in sure  
substance On the right hand of God, that man May come with me  
and join my dance. This have I done for my true love..*

## Sermon



## Hymn of the Day

### You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



*Refrain*  
 Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." *To stanzas 3 and 4*  
 4 "I

Text: David Haas, b. 1957  
 Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas  
 Text and music © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.  
 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.



### Senior Salute

Congratulations to our three graduating seniors this year.  
**Stephanie Amann** will be attending St. Olaf College in Northfield.  
**Kate Mechels** will be attending the College of St. Benedict.  
**Jorgen Olson** will be attending Luther College.

### ✠ 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.

### ***O Love That Will Not Let Me Go***

*George Mattheson/ Carson P. Cooman*

*O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.*

*O light that follow all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.*

### **Offertory**



### ***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: Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ. **Amen.**



## Sending Hymn

### Prayers of the Church

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Living God, you chose us to be your witnesses in the world. We... 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.**

### 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.

### ✠ *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.*

### *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.  
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional  
Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

**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**

***Pomp and Circumstance  
Military March N°1 in D, Op. 39***

*Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

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

*Bulletin liturgy and hymnody reprinted under CCLI license #1821244 and or*

*OneLicense.net #A-70405*

**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  
Organist  
Worship Assistant

Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug  
Dr. Kris Rizzotto  
Michelle McCreery

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary

Chanda Olson  
Jennifer Cook  
Ross Bartels  
Jon Sprain

**STAFF**

Children’s Ministry Director  
Seminarian  
Office Manager  
Nursery Attendant  
Custodian

Diane LaMere  
Al Aakre  
Linda Nelson  
Tori Reisberg  
Fernando Fierros

---

***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: **Gary Olson**, father of Lars Olson; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Sam Brown**, child of Liz and Mike Brown; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin; **Bruce Payne and Mike Payne**, cousins of Michelle McCreery; the family of



**Steve Honn**, friend of Kara Sabatke; **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; **Joel Revzen**, friends of Laura Nortwen.

**Loved Ones In The Military**  
Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



*Debby Pizarro 5.26      Cade Duff 5.28*  
*Raymond Kappel 5.28      Andrew Ulland 5.30*

### **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.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED TO PROVIDE A MEAL FOR THE SHELTER. THE ONLY DATE WE NOW NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR IS OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>.** Because of the COVID 19 restrictions, the only way to currently provide our monthly meal is to donate by check, money order or online and the shelter will order a meal. The suggested cost is \$250.

Please contact Cheri if you can serve on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you.

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AND GROWLERS & THEOLOGY**

This week Pastor Haug will begin leader virtual Bible study by Zoom for the regular 10:00 am Wednesday morning Bible study group, and the Thursday evening 7:00 pm Growlers & Theology. If you would like to participate in either or both studies, please contact Pastor Haug at [pastor@loti.org](mailto:pastor@loti.org). He will in turn, send you a link and invitation to the group meeting.

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

With all that has happened in the last couple of months we have not been focused on our Lenten project. We will be winding down our collection of personal care kits for the Lutheran World Relief "A Season of Hope" this next week. Thank you to everyone who contributed items or monetary contributions for the kits. Linda will be ordering the items we still need on May 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are still interested in contributing, please let Linda know by the 28<sup>th</sup>. In early June we will organize a date to assemble and deliver the kits with volunteers who are comfortable participating.

### **VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR**

If you are interested in participating in a virtual coffee hour on Sunday, May 31, please contact Michelle McCreery at [michelle.mccreery@loti.org](mailto:michelle.mccreery@loti.org).

### **ELECTRONIC GIVING SCAN TO GIVE**



*God's Help, Our Hands*  
2020 W. Lake of the Isles Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55405  
☎ 612 377-5095 ☎  
*Office Hours: M-F 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*  
[churchoffice@loti.org](mailto:churchoffice@loti.org) ☎ [pastor@loti.org](mailto:pastor@loti.org)  
Visit our website at: [www.loti.org](http://www.loti.org)  
Like us on Facebook: *Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church*  
Follow us on Twitter: *@LOTICHURCH*  
1936-2020