



LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

September 13, 2020

In today's readings, we are taught that all stand before the judgment of God. We all sin and hurt one another, and yet Jesus challenges us forgive seventy-seven times. It is a reminder of God's own boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation 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.

When the Saints Go Marching In

**Prelude
Welcome**

Call to Worship

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love
and mercy,**

who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like
the eagle's.

The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

**The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.**

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to
our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward
those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions
from us.**

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

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

Gathering Hymn

To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done;
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,

so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
to ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
the vil - est of - fend - er by grace may be - lieve,
but pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceive.
our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice!

Oh, come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the Son,
and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: TO GOD BE THE GLORY, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

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

O Lord God, merciful judge, **you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Romans 14:7-13

Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians be-long to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

Please stand as you are able.



Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

✠ 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

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God. ¹³Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse



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Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957

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Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying,

‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Apostle’s Creed

**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.

Sermon

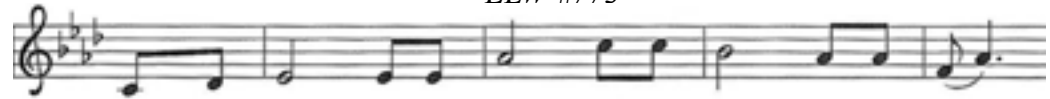


Hymn of the Day

*Please stand
as you are able.*

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD
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Prayers of the Church

P: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome. Strengthen faith... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all of 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 those around you.*



Please be seated.

✠ 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

St. James Infirmary

Give Thanks

Offertory

Please stand as you are able.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
 Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
 give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
 And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
 now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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Offertory Prayer

A: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.

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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. For give 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.

As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.
You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.
You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;
you a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

Text: Martin J. Nystrom
Music: AS THE DEER, Martin J. Nystrom

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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.*

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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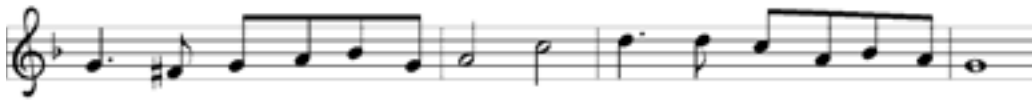
Sending Hymn



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon 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. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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

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Please be seated.

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.....	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
	Organist.....	Dr. Kris Rizzotto
	Music.....	Zuhrah Shrine Dixie Kats
	Worship Assistant.....	Steve Hoyt
	Reader	Mary Sabatke
	Usher	Linda Nelson
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	Director of Design & Communication.....	Michelle McCreery
	Caretakers	Sarah and Trevor Skorburg
Custodian	Fernando Fierros	

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 13	9:30 am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>	Sanctuary
	11:15 am	<i>Virtual Coffee Hour</i>	Zoom
Monday, September 14	7:00 pm	<i>AA</i>	Patio/Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, September 15	9:15 am	<i>Prayer Ministry</i>	Zoom
	7:00 pm	<i>Men's AA Group</i>	Patio/Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, September 16	10:00 am	<i>Bible Study</i>	Zoom
	12:00 am	<i>Staff Meeting</i>	Zoom
	4:00 pm	<i>Confirmation</i>	Patio/Fellowship Hall
Thursday September 17	7:00 pm	<i>Church Council Meeting</i>	Zoom
	7:00 pm	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>	Zoom
Sunday, September 20	9:30 am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>	Sanctuary
	11:15 am	<i>Virtual Coffee Hour</i>	Zoom

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:



Bruce Kuehn, Jim Jodie, cousin of Carolyn Hagford; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin; **Bruce Payne and Mike Payne**, cousins of Michelle McCreery; **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.

Sunday School Registration is Open!

Sunday School will begin remotely starting on **September 13**. Sunday School is offered for children age 3 (by Sept 1) through 6th grade. Please complete the [Online Registration Form](#). It is also located at loti.org>Lifestyles>Sunday School Program. The information you provide will help us to connect with you and support you in ways that are meaningful to you during this time of remote Sunday School. If you need more information or have any questions, please contact our Children's Ministry Director, [Diane LaMere](#).

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Haug leads a virtual Bible study by *Zoom* for the regular 10:00 am Wednesday morning Bible study group. If you would like to participate, please contact [Pastor Haug](#). He will send you a link and invitation to the group meeting.

Virtual Coffee Hour

If you are interested in participating in a virtual coffee hour on Sunday, contact [Michelle McCreery](#).

Loved Ones In The Military

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



*Jacob Hovda 9.13 Trygve Svard 9.15
Taylor Rondestvedt 9.17 Daryn Skjefte Brown 9.17
Heather Jacob 9.19 Brittany Lawonn 9.19*

Fall Confirmation Schedule

Confirmation Education for 7th and 8th graders, as well as 9th graders, preparing for the Rite of Confirmation on **Sunday, October 25th** will begin again on **Wednesday, September 9th** from **4:00-5:00pm** on the Church Patio. Confirmation this fall will be a hybrid of Zoom and in-person classes. New confirmands can register with [Pastor Haug](#).

Growlers & Theology

The informal study of theology and adult beverages will be begin again this fall. Following the model of Luther in his home in Wittenberg, Germany, Pastor Haug will lead a twice monthly gathering on the Church Patio. The first gathering will be at on **Thursday, September 24th**, at **6:30pm**. Please note the new time.



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Returning to In-Person Worship

Beginning September 13, Worship Service will be aired via livestream on YouTube. We welcome a limited number of members to attend.

Members are sent an email invitation on Monday morning. Registration in advance through the email prompts or by phone is required. Those registered will be called on Thursday to confirm.

Doors will open at 9:20am on Sunday mornings with the Service beginning at 9:30. Attendees must follow the September 2020 In-Person Worship Protocol. Holy Communion is celebrated after the livestream has ended. At that time, distribution by individual cups will take place as attendees depart.

For those who do not feel comfortable worshipping in person, but would like to participate in Holy Communion, we will prepare Home Communion packets that may be picked up at the church on Thursday and Friday each week. The packet will include a glass communion cup, the worship bulletin, as well as a vile of consecrated communion wine and bread. This may be reserved through the church office for your family and may be delivered to those who are homebound.

We know that these times can be stressful, and we want to remind you that the church sanctuary is open and available for quiet time and spiritual reflection during the week. Please call the church to make an appointment if you would like to come and spend time in the sanctuary for prayer, meditation, or to light a candle in the light globe. A guided meditation folder will be available upon request.



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Women's Bible Study

This season's text is *First Corinthians: Living Love When We Disagree*, by Melissa Spoelstra. ISBN 978-1-5018-0168-6, available on amazon.com in paperback or Kindle, or at local booksellers. (If you would like



Linda to order the book for you, contact her by **Thursday, September 3**. Cost is \$13.59.)

Sessions will be online via **Zoom**, beginning **Thursday, September 17 at 7:00pm**.

We'll continue on **1st & 3rd Thursdays**.

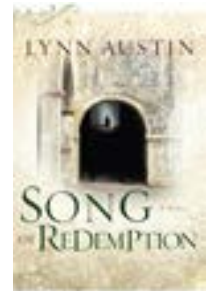
Contact [Deb Gilroy](#) if you would like to be added to our participants list. Feel free to invite others.

All are welcome!

Women's Book Group

You're Invited to Read with Us!

Our next selection is *Song of Redemption*, by Lynn Austin



We'll meet **September 25, 5:00pm** on the **Church Patio**, weather permitting, otherwise we'll use **Zoom**.

Contact [Deb Gilroy](#) to be added to the participants list, if you have not yet joined us.

God's Help, Our Hands

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Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.

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