



**Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship**

*Please stand as
you are able.*

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

September 6, 2020

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation..

This morning Pastor Haug concludes his summer sermon series on the Book of Genesis with one of the final stories of Jacob blessing Joseph's sons.

✠ 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: Arabesque N° 1, L. 66

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

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

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

ELW #772



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep,
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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 God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, 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.*

Children's Message

Draw Near, All Ye people, Come to Me!

From the Oratorio, *Elijah*, Felix Mendelssohn

*Draw near, all ye people, come to me!
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
This day let it be known that Thou art God,
And that I am Thy servant!
Lord God of Abraham! Oh show to all this people
That I have done these things according to Thy word.
Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me!
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
Oh hear me and answer me,
And show this people that Thou art Lord God.
And let their hearts again be turned!*

Genesis 48:1-2, 8-22

*On his deathbed,
Jacob blesses his
grandchildren,
the sons of Joseph
born in Egypt.*

Reading

After this Joseph was told, “Your father is ill.” So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. When Jacob was told, “Your son Joseph has come to you,” he summoned his strength and sat up in bed.

When Israel saw Joseph’s sons, he said, “Who are these?” Joseph said to his father, “They are my sons, whom God has given me here.” And he said, “Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them.” Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, and he could not see well. So Joseph brought them near him; and he kissed them and embraced them. Israel said to Joseph, “I did not expect to see your face; and here God has let me see your children also.” Then Joseph removed them from his father’s knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel’s left, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel’s right, and brought them near him. But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands, for Manasseh was the firstborn. He blessed Joseph, and said,

“The God before whom my ancestors Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all harm, bless the boys; and in them let my name be perpetuated, and the name of my ancestors Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude on the earth.”

When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took his father’s hand, to remove it from Ephraim’s head to Manasseh’s head. Joseph said to his father, “Not so, my father! Since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head.” But his father refused, and said, “I know, my son, I know; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations.” So he blessed them that day, saying, “By you Israel will invoke blessings, saying, ‘God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh.’”

So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh. Then Israel said to Joseph, “I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your ancestors. I now give to you one portion more than to your brothers, the portion that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

From the Oratorio, *Elijah*, Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, And He shall sustain thee.

He never will suffer the righteous to fall: He is at thy right hand.

Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens.

Let none be made ashamed, that wait upon Thee!

Gospel

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

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



Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

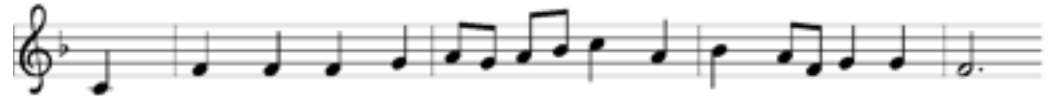
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

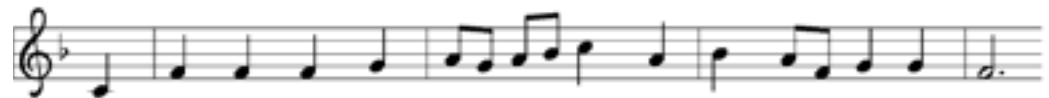
Hymn of the Day

Blessed Be The God of Israel

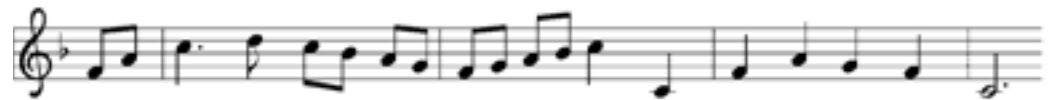
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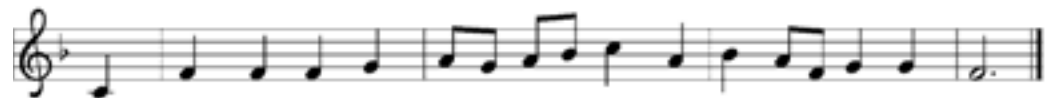
1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us; a Branch from Da - vid's tree,
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79

Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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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: Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work ... 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.*

✠ Offering ✠

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Offertory

A Pentecost Prayer

Book of Common Prayer/ Carson Cooman

*O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:*

*Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things,
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord: Amen.*



Give Thanks

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!

Last time

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.

Music: Per Harling, b. 1948
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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.

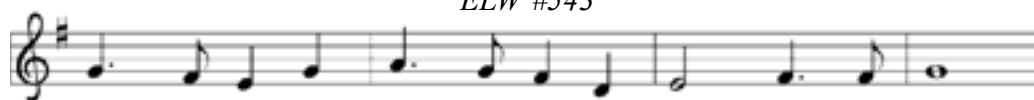
✠ Sending ✠

*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.*

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

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Sending Hymn



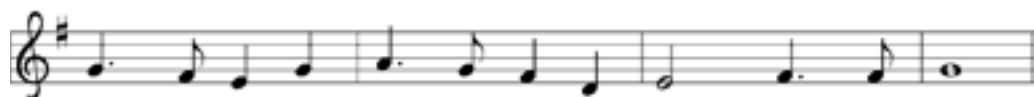
1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



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
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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 *Concerto in B minor (after Vivaldi's Violin Concerto, RV275), Allegro*
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

*You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music and praise.
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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..... Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
Organist..... Dr. Kris Rizzotto
Soloist Debra Gilroy
Worship Assistant..... Michelle McCreery
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Friday 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.

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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.



★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Erin Wilcox 9.8 Ryker Alden 9.11

Priscilla Circle will meet **Saturday, September 5, at 9:30am** on the **Church Patio**.



Bring your own beverage. We'll follow social distancing guidelines. Restrooms will be available. We'll have access to the Fellowship Hall in case of inclement weather.

Join us for a time of camaraderie!

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 10th, at 7:00pm**. Please note the new time.



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Family Pre-Rally Day

Sunday School families are invited to sign up for a time for your family to come to church on **September 12** between **10:00am & 2:00pm** for a **Pre-Rally Day Family Event**. Look for the sign up link that was sent on **September 3**.

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 vial 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.

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**.

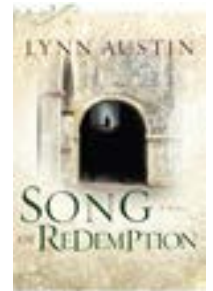
Contact [Deb Gilroy](#) if you would like to be added to our participants list. Feel free to invite others.

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.

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