



LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ First Sunday of Advent ✠

November 29, 2020

The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in scriptures; but it is reflected weekly in the church's meal of thanksgiving. What we wish for our thanksgiving meal is that it will go deeper than a celebration of one another and our own blessings, and to recognize in our true host, the one who wants everyone brought to the table.

✠ 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

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 140

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Welcome

Penitential Rite

*Please stand as
you are able.*

✠ Confession & Forgiveness ✠

P: Throughout the season of Advent we prepare ourselves to receive the King of glory anew. Therefore, let us come before God with open hearts.

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. **Amen.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Confession

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.

**Words of
Absolution**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold, the
2 Oh, blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - 'reign; en - ter in! Let new and



King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
rul - er is con - fessed! Oh, hap - py hearts and
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spir - it



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878
Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. **By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father 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.*

Please be seated.



Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of hope. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.” Isaiah 9:2

Let us pray:

Lord, as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.

Dismissal Song

*Dear Jesus lead us to your bed, In Bethlehem we pray.
A candle we shall light, O Lord, To Guide us on our way.*

Advent Gradual (Sung by the Choir)

Hosianna by G.J Vogler

*Sing Hosanna, David's Son! O, welcome him with song!
Sing Hosanna David's Son, who comes in the name of the Lord!
Sing Hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna in the highest.
Sing Hosanna David's Son, who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Gospel

*Please stand
as you are able.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21:1-9



When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

All Glory Be To Thee Most High

Nicolaus Decius/ Rachel Aarons

*All glory be to thee, Most High, to thee all adoration;
In grace and truth thou drawest nigh to offer us salvation;
Thou showest thy good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again;
We praise thy Name for ever.
O Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, Son of the Heavenly Father,
O thou who hast our peace restored, The straying sheep dost gather,
Thou Lamb of God, to thee on high Out of the depths we sinners cry:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!
O Holy Ghost, thou precious gift, Thou Comforter unfailing,
From Satan's snares our souls uplift, And let thy power, availing,
Avert our woes and calm our dread. For us the Savior's blood was shed;
We trust in thee to save us.*

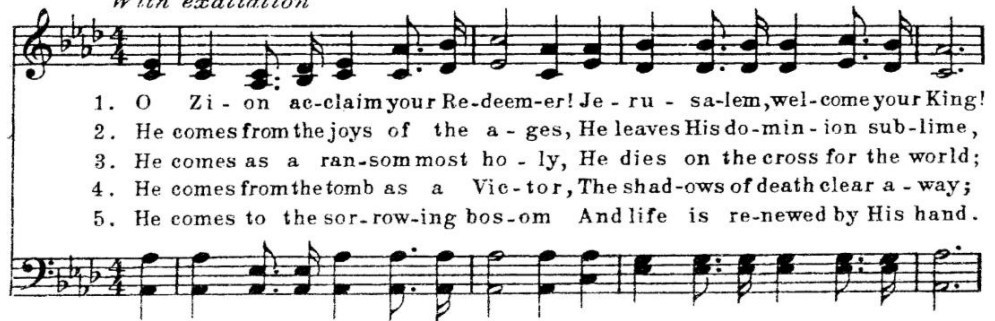
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Hymn of the Day

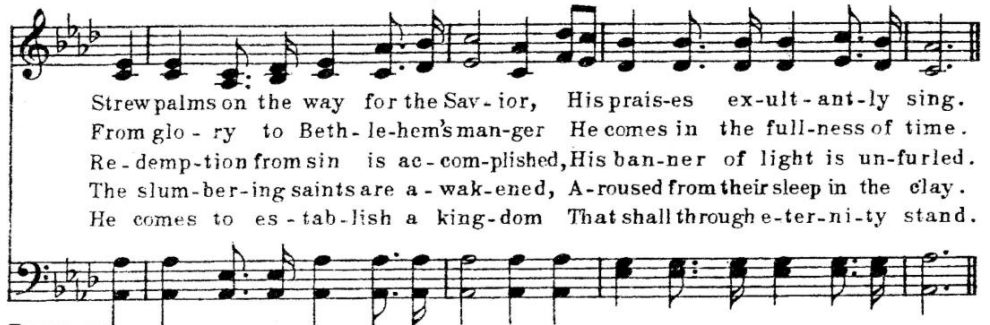
*Please stand
as you are able.*

O Zion Acclaim Your Redeemer

With exaltation

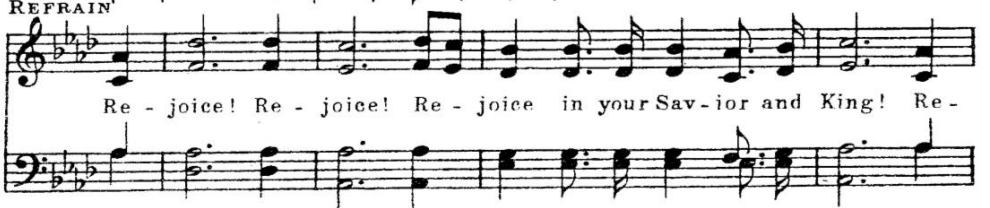


1. O Zi - on ae-claim your Re-deem-er! Je - ru - sa-lem, wel-come your King!
2. He comes from the joys of the a - ges, He leaves His do-min-ion sub-lime,
3. He comes as a ran-som most ho - ly, He dies on the cross for the world;
4. He comes from the tomb as a Vic-tor, The shad-ows of death clear a - way;
5. He comes to the sor-row-ing bos-om And life is re-newed by His hand.

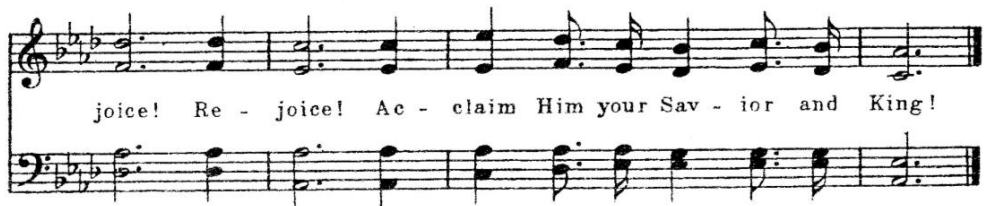


Strew palms on the way for the Sav-ior, His praises ex-ult-ant-ly sing.
From glo - ry to Beth-le-hem's man-ger He comes in the full-ness of time.
Re-demp-tion from sin is ae-com-plished, His ban-ner of light is un-furled.
The slum-ber-ing saints are a - wak-ened, A-roused from their sleep in the clay.
He comes to es-tab-lish a king-dom That shall through e-ter-ni-ty stand.

REFRAIN



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice in your Sav-ior and King! Re -



joice! Re - joice! Ac - claim Him your Sav - ior and King!

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Prayers of the Church

P: God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need..

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the ministry we share in Christ's name. Open our hearts to your call for justice,...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 ✠

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

Violin Solo
Please be seated.

Offertory
*Please stand
as you are able.*



My Heart Ever Faithful

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Create In Me a Clean Heart

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: Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray..

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...



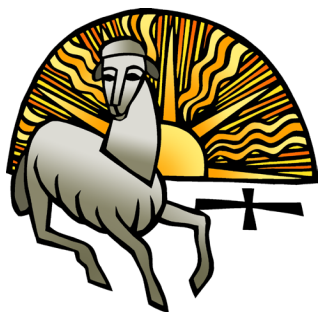
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Words of Institution

*During the season of
Advent and Christmas,
we will use the
traditional words for
the Lord's Prayer.*

Please be seated.



The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

O Thou Lamb of God

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - - - men

Text: German, 1528, based on the Agnus Dei; tr. unknown
Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

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 come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through 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.*

Sending Hymn

Verses 1 & 4

*Please stand
as you are able*

Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

Trans. Catherine Winkworth and others, 1863; alt.

Melchior Teschner, 1614

Harm. William Henry Monk, 1861



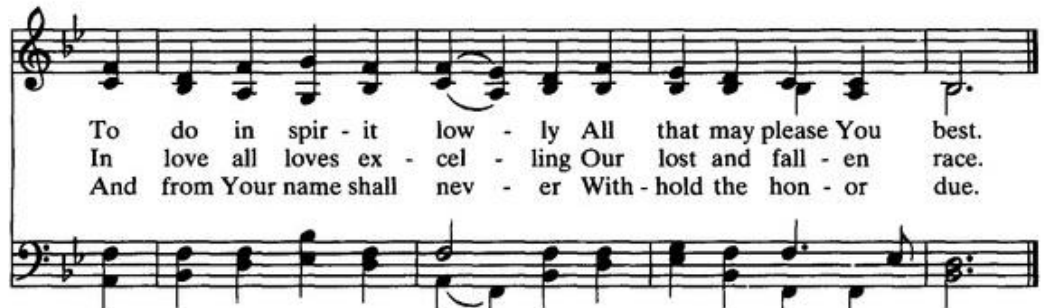
1. O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
2. Love caused Your in - car - na - tion, Love brought You down to me;
3. A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high,



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
That will not fail nor leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, A lamp with - in my breast,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new,



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
In love all loves ex - cel - ling Our lost and fall - en race.
And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.

Verse 4

*Rejoice, then, ye sad-hearted, who sit in in deepest gloom,
Who mourns o'er joys departed and tremble at your doom.
He who alone can cheer you Is standing at the door:
He brings his pity near you, And bids you weep no more.*

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.

Please be seated.

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Suite in D Major HWV 341

I. Overture: Allegro

George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

*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.*

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| YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY | Preacher..... Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug |
| | Guest Organist Peggy Dahl-Bartunek |
| | Trumpet..... Laura Saylor |
| | Violin..... Nanette Goldman |
| | Worship Assistant..... Michelle McCreery |
| | Usher Linda Nelson |

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| | Custodian Fernando Fierros |

CALENDAR

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| SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 | 9:30 AM | <i>Worship with Holy Communion..... Sanctuary</i> |
| MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 | 7:00 PM | <i>AA..... Patio/Fellowship Hall</i> |
| TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 9:15 AM | <i>Prayer Ministry..... Zoom</i> |
| | 7:00 PM | <i>Men's AA Group..... Sunday School Rooms</i> |
| WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 | 10:00 AM | <i>Bible Study..... Zoom</i> |
| | 12:00 PM | <i>Staff Meeting..... Zoom</i> |
| | 4:00 PM | <i>Confirmation..... Christy Room</i> |
| THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 | 12:00 PM | <i>Al-Anon..... Fellowship Hall</i> |
| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 9:30 AM | <i>Worship with Holy Communion..... Sanctuary</i> |
| | | <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> |

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:



The family of **Bruce Kuehn**; the family of **John Rondestvedt**, grandfather of Taylor, Lauren & Maddie Rondestvedt; **Brian Krinke**, son of Jean Krinke, **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, **Peggy Wagner**, friend of the congregation, **Heidi Chadwick**, sister of Cindy Huttner.

The National Lutheran Choir Christmas Festival

The pandemic of 2020 has swept around the globe – a virus that knows no geographic limits! We may feel like we need healing now more than ever, but the world has always been in need of healing – in need of the peace of Christ.

The incarnation has no geographic limits either. How do various world cultures understand and receive the Christ child as their own? How does music and visual art reflect and celebrate these understandings?

Don't miss the National Lutheran choir's signature Christmas Festival program of music, scripture, poetry and faith. Filmed in the glorious Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis, and drawing on five years of live-streamed programs plus multi-media videography, the program celebrates a global nativity; Christ incarnate; being born in each of us, in every time and place.

Nothing – not even our pandemic year – can separate us from God's love and the music that conveys the peace and joy of Christ's birth!

Friday, December 11, 2020 – 8pm (CST) @
NLCA.com

Loved Ones In The Military

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



Happy Birthday



Katherine Mechels 12/5 David Brost 12/7

Our Saviour's Housing Meals in 2021

For many years, *Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church* has provided a meal for 40 on the first Friday of every month. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, our monthly meals are provided by donation via check, money order, or online. The shelter orders and serves the meal. Suggested donation is \$250. Thrivent members may apply for a Thrivent Action grant which will cover the cost of the meal, and often much needed supplies, in addition.

Thank you to everyone who has provided a meal for the shelter in 2020!

Please consider signing up for 2021:

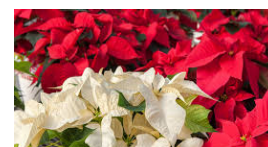
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| JAN 1 | MAY 1 | SEP 3 |
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| APR 2 | AUG 6 | DEC 3 |

Check your calendars and choose your month. Reserve by contacting Cheri Moe at 952-431-5226 or moeclana@aol.com.

Poinsettias

Order poinsettias now until **December 8**. Choose from:

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| Single Red | \$10 |
| Double Red | \$16 |
| Single White | \$10 |
| Double White | \$16 |



Order [online](#) with credit card, [email](#)/send your check to the church, or call (612) 377-5095.

Svenska Sällskapet Julbord

We are excited to announce that *Svenska Sällskapet* will be having another fantastic take-out dinner prepared by chef **Anna-Lena Sköld**. There are some special additions to provide a **Swedish take-out Julbord**. Like our previous dinners, they will be available for pick up at Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church.

Pick up is on **December 3rd from 3:00 to 5:00 PM**. Confirmation of your order and additional details on the pick-up will be emailed to everyone who places an order. We have arranged for several of these take-out dinner events while our group and others are not able to meet in-person.

You are invited to join us and enjoy the special Swedish food from **Anna-Lena**.

To reserve your dinner(s), contact dale@dalerthomas.com, or call 612.377.2170 and let us know how many dinners you would like to order. Please place your **order by November 30th**. Orders after that may not be accommodated, so contact us to check availability. **Cost is \$30**.

Payment is by check or cash upon pickup at pick-up at *Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church* on **December 3rd**. Make checks payable to *Svenska Sällskapet*



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