



LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ First Sunday of Christmas ✠

December 27, 2020

The psalmist calls on the natural world, celestial bodies, fire and earth, creatures and all humanity, to praise God. Every Jewish boy was circumcised and formally named on the eighth day of his life. Already in his childhood, Jesus bears the mark of the covenant. healing of 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

Carol of the Bells

arr. Danny Wright

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.

Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Praise the LORD from the earth, sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,

**princes and all rulers of the world; young men and maidens, old and
young together.**

Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

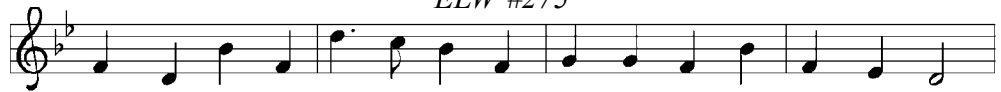
As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

Gathering Hymn



Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW #275



- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon-der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na-tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er-more your voic - es rais-ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

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.

Kyrie



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.

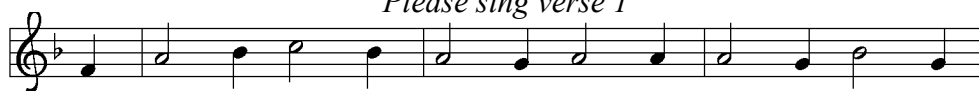


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 Chris - te e - lei - son.

Gloria

All Glory Be To God on High

Please sing verse 1



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.
 on us all have mer - cy.
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite
 Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius
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Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our 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.*

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Dismissal Song

*Away in a manger, No crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to say
Close by me forever and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.*

Lesson

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

*To the people who
returned to Jerusa-
lem after the exile, the
prophet proclaims that
God's salvation will
fully come to pass.*

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
^{62:1}For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Christmas Gradual

*Please stand
as you are able.*

Savior of the Nations Come

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.

Gospel

*Please stand
as you are able*

Luke 2: 15-21

*St. Luke quickly moves
from the story of Jesus' birth to his naming ceremony 8 days later.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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.**

Sermon

Please be seated.

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

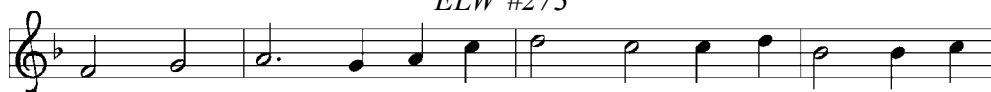


Hymn of the Day

*Please stand
as you are able.*

All My Heart Again Rejoices

ELW #273



1 All my heart a - gain re - joic - es as I hear, far and
2 Je - sus' voice from low - ly man - ger soft - ly thus calls to
3 Come, then, let us has - ten yon - der; here let all, great and
4 You, dear Lord, I'll ev - er cher - ish; though my breath fail in



near, sweet-est an - gel voic - es; "Christ is born," their choirs are
us: "You are safe from dan - ger; come and see; from all that
small, kneel in awe and won - der; love him who with love is
death, I will nev - er per - ish: by your side in light c -



sing - ing, till the air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.
grieves you you are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."
yearn - ing; hail the star that from far bright with hope is burn - ing.
ter - nal I shall be end - less - ly filled with joy su - per - nal.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: WARUM SOLLT ICH, Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–1676

Prayers of the Church

P: Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(A brief silence.)

A: Night and day, all creation praises you, O God. Strengthen your church across nations, denominations, and traditions. Fill us with wisdom and unify our proclamation of your forgiveness and mercy. ...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.

Offertory

The Holly and the Ivy

Setting by Richard Shephard

*The holly and the ivy, now both are full well grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.*

*Refrain: Oh, the rising of the sun and the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

*The holly bears a blossom as white as lily flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet saviour. Refrain*

*The holly bears a berry as red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to do poor sinners good. Refrain*

*The holly bears a bark as bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all. Refrain*

*Please stand
as you are able.*



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: FRANKIE J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

Offertory Prayer

A: Gracious God, you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth. Nourish us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



✠ 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.*

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...



Music: Per Harling, b. 1948
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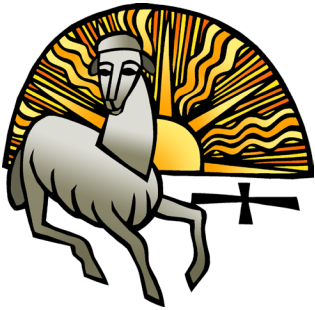
Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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

Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.



Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion 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.

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 Christ, 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

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

A: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

*Please stand
as you are able*



Please be seated.

Benediction

Announcements

Dismissal

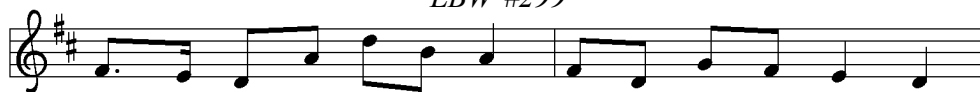
Postlude

✠ 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.*

Cold December Flies Away

LBW #299



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.
2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.
3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown - ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders
All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.
In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en
And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the
light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est
birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.
hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.
spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

Text: Catalanian carol; tr. Howard Hawhee, b. 1953
Music: EL DESEMBRE CONGELAT, Catalanian carol
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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.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Noël X. Quand Dieu naquit à Noël (When God was born on Christmas)
Louis-Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772)

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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

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>..... Sanctuary
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i> Patio/Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29	9:15 AM	<i>Prayer Ministry</i> Zoom
	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA Group</i> Sunday School Rooms
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study</i> Zoom
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting</i> Zoom
	4:00 PM	<i>Confirmation</i> Christy Room
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1		<i>New Year's Day Church Closed</i>
	6:00 PM	<i>Our Saviour's Shelter Meal</i>
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>..... Sanctuary
		<i>Epiphany</i>

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Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



Brian Krinke, son of Jean Krinke, **Duane Behrens**, father of Diane LaMere, **Jim Jodie**, cousin of Carolyn Hagford; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin; **Bruce Payne & Mike Payne**, cousins of Michelle McCreery; **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.

~**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**~

Jorgen Olson 12/28 Mary Flynn 12/28
Lauren Huffman 1/28 Remi Pizarro 12/29
Jon Zachman 12/29 Chris Hovda 12/30
Pauline Haug 12/30 Allyson Sprain 12/30
Cody Rustad 1/1

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!

Dave & Mary Goplen have reserved JAN 1, 2021
Please consider providing on...

	MAY 1	SEP 3
FEB 5	JUN 4	OCT 1
MAR 5	JUL 2	NOV 5
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.

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



The Gift of Generosity

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported LOTI this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Contact the church office for more information.

End of the year gifts to LOTI must be received by **Thursday, December 31st.**

Poinsettias

Poinsettias are available for pickup when the church is open. Please call ahead to make sure we're in. Paper wrappers are in the Christy Room to protect your plant during transport.



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God's Help, Our Hands

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