

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Third Sunday in Lent ✠

March 14, 2021

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

✠ 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

An Cro des Petits Bateaux (The Aire Tune)

Traditional Breton, L. Carroll

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 107

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the
hand of the foe,**

gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north
and from the south.

**Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were
afflicted.**

They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from
their distress.**

You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your
wonderful works for all people.**

Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

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



The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW #502

Verse 1 all, 2 Women, 3 Men, 4 Harmony, 5 & 6 All

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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

P: Throughout this season we embrace the discipline of Lent including self-examination and repentance. Therefore, let us come before God with open hearts.

To be sung by the Assisting Minister and repeated by the Congregation.



P: 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.**

Please sing to the music above.

*Christe, christe eleison **Christe, christe eleison***

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.

Please sing to the music above.

*Kyrie, kyrie eleison **Kyrie, kyrie eleison***

Words of Absolution

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Presentation

Please be seated.

Profession of Faith



Thanksgiving at the Font

Baptism

Baptism Hymn

*Please join in singing
the refrain.*

✠ The Sacrament of Holy Baptism ✠

Aksel Anthony Stier

Parents: Mitchell and Victoria Stier

Sponsors: John and Alyson Frahm

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

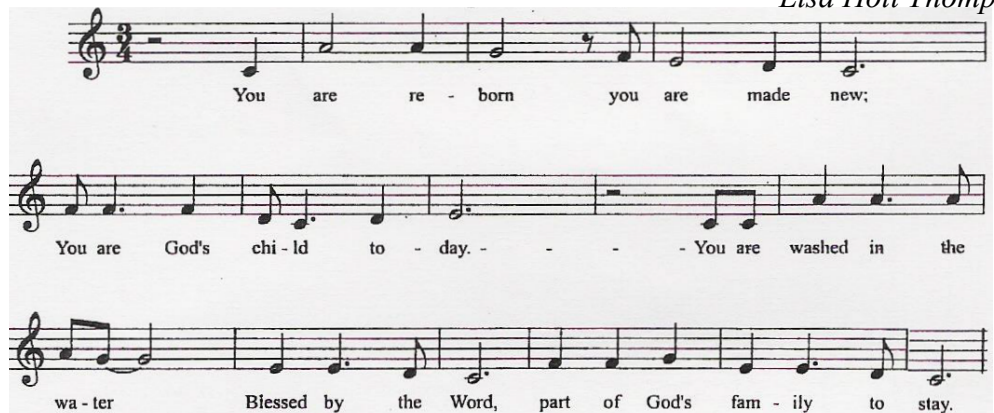
C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

The Baptismal Song

Lisa Holt Thompson



✠ Word ✠

The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community as God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

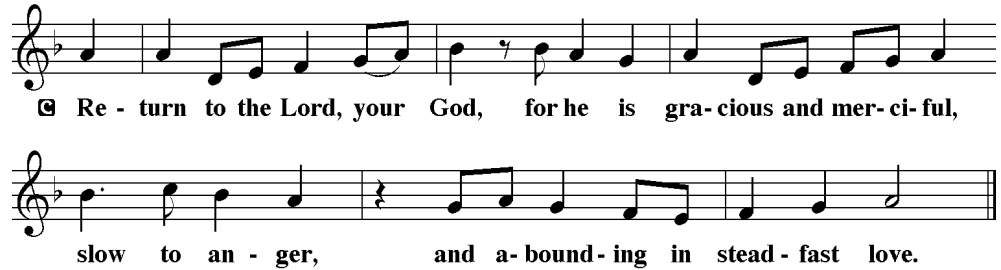
R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Lenten Verse

*Please stand as
you are able.*



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

John 3:14-21

*To explain the salvation
of God to the religious
leader, Nicodemus,
Jesus refers to the
those who looked upon
the bronze serpent were
healed, so people will
be saved when they
behold Christ lifted up
on the cross.*

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Anthem

Please be seated.

Christ be With Me

St. Patrick's Breastplate by Hal H. Hopson

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort, Christ to care.
You, O Christ, now hear my call. Be my hope and stay.
Where e're I go, whate'er I do, Christ be with me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger;
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in all, yes, all I am.*

Sermon

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.*



O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
 Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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Prayers of the Church

P: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: You sent your Son that the world might be saved through him. Inspire the witness... 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.

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

After the greeting, please share of word or gesture 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.

Offering
Please be seated.

Offertory
Please stand as you are able.

Fjellvåk (Mountain Bird)

The Nordic Fiddlers Bloc

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. Frevlinghausen. 1670-1739

Offertory Prayer

A: Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

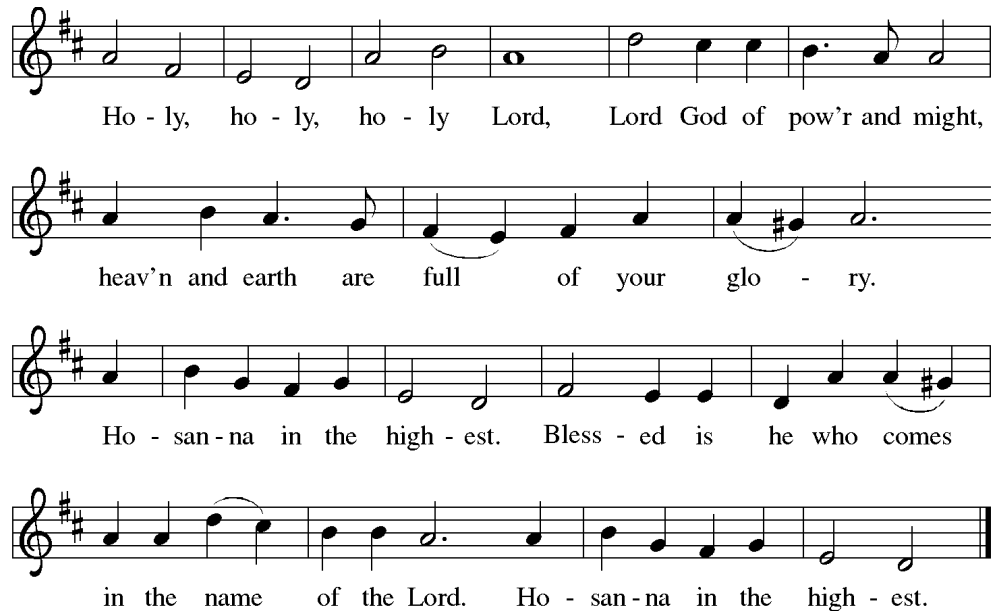
P: Lift up your hearts.

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 and salutary... we praise you name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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
Please be seated.

P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table is ready. All are welcome.

Lamb of God

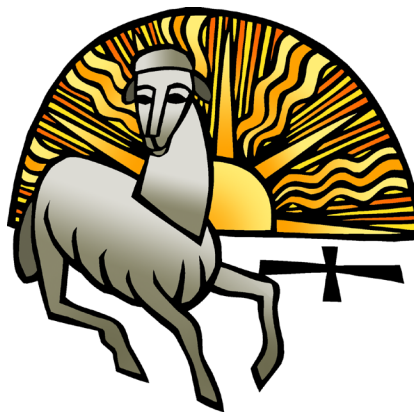
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

A: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Sending Hymn

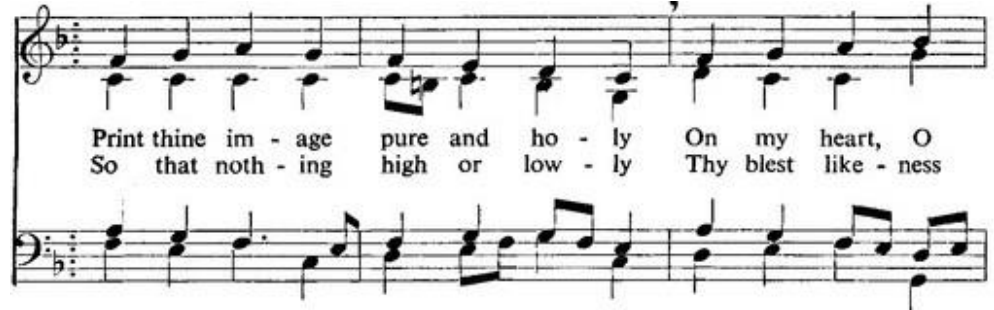
*Please stand as
you are able.*



✠ 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.*

Print Thine Image Pure and Holy



*Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703
Tr. Jens Christian Aaberg. 1877-*

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

Please be seated.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

March of the King of Laois (O'Sullivan's March)

Traditional Irish

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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. We will continue to have Wednesday and Saturday services online. 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

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
Organist.....Dr. Kris Rizzotto
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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 14	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy CommunionSanctuary
MONDAY, MARCH 15	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i>Sanctuary
TUESDAY, MARCH 16	9:15 PM	<i>Prayer Ministry</i>Zoom
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study</i>Zoom
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting</i>Zoom
	4:00 PM	<i>Confirmation</i>Zoom
	7:00 PM	Lenten Evening PrayerYouTube
THURSDAY, MARCH 18	7:00 PM	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>Zoom
SUNDAY, MARCH 21	9:30 AM	Worship with Holy CommunionSanctuary

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 Johnson, nephew of Mary Ann Lisk; **Brian Krinke**, son of Jean & Lambert Krinke; **Jim Jodie**, cousin of Carolyn Hagford; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick & Suzanne Pepin; **Betsy Pfeifer & David Beebe**, daughter & brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin; **Bruce Payne** and **Mike Payne**, cousins of Michelle McCreery; **Trevor Daniel**, prayer request by Cheri Moe; **Peggy Wagner**, friend of the congregation;

Easter Flower Orders

We are taking orders for Easter flowers now through **Tuesday, March 22nd**. Selections include:

White Lilies 6" pot.....\$8.00
Red, Purple, or Yellow Tulips 6.5" pot.....\$7.50
Purple, Yellow, or White Mums 6.5" pot\$8.00
Pink Hydrangeas 8" pot.....\$15.25

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Lenten Evening Prayer with John Trow

Join us every **Wednesday at 7:00 PM** on [YouTube](#).

Holy Week Schedule

March 28	9:30 AM	<i>Palm Sunday Service</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
March 31	7:00 PM	<i>Lenten Evening Prayer</i>	YouTube
April 1	7:00 PM	<i>Maundy Thursday Children's Pageant</i>	YouTube
April 2	7:00 PM	<i>Good Friday Service</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
April 4	9:30 AM	<i>Easter Sunday Service</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
April 4	10:30 AM -1:00 PM	<i>Easter Smörgåsbord Curbside Pickup</i>	21st Street Entrance

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Loved Ones In The Military

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sam Reisberg 3/16 Kris Rizzotto 3/16
Andrew Schwarm 3.21

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 the 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.

Thanks to **Linda Nelson & Mary Jubenville** for providing on **3/5/21**

2021 DATES

APR 2 Ellie Holmquist, Ruth Lee, Heather Jacoby, & Gretchen Robertson
MAY 7 Andy & Monica Schwarm
JUN 4 Peter Van Bergen & Cathy Carlson
JUL 2 Pat & Kathy Bracken
AUG 6 Carol Kuehn, Vicki Kuehn Larson & Rebecca Morell

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