



LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

August 22, 2021

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, "You have the words of eternal life."

Today in our summer sermon series, we hear of King Solomon demonstrating his gift of wisdom.

✠ 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

Prelude from Cello Suite N° 1 in G major, BWV 1007

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome



Call to Worship

Psalm 119

*Please stand
as you are able.*

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

**The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding
to the simple.**

With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments.

**Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love
your name.**

Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have
dominion over me.

Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

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

v1 All,
v2 Women,
v3 Men,
v4 All.

You Are the Way

ELW # 758



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

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

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Children's Message
Please be seated.
Dismissal Song

✠ **Word** ✠

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



Change My Heart, O God

ELW #801

Refrain



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

End



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Refrain

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953
Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa
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Reading

1 Kings 3:16-28,

Immediately after King Solomon's dream of requesting the gift wisdom to rule the kingdom of his Israel, he is challenged by two women for judgment.

¹⁶Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him.

¹⁷The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. ¹⁸Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. ¹⁹ Then this woman's son died in the night, because she lay on him. ²⁰She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. ²¹When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne." ²²But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours." The first said, "No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine." So they argued before the king.

²³Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead'; while the other says, 'Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.'" ²⁴So the king said, "Bring me a sword," and they brought a sword before the king. ²⁵The king said, "Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one, and half to the other." ²⁶But the woman whose son was alive said to the king—because compassion for her son burned within her—"Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!" The other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it." ²⁷Then the king responded: "Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother." ²⁸All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

R: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Verse

*Please stand
as you are able.*

Thy Word

W&P 144



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Text: Psalm 119:105, Amy Grant, b. 1960

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

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Gospel

St. John 6:56-69

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Sermon

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

*Please stand as
you are able.*



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

To Be Your Presence

ELW #546

1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the

ev - er near,
right up - hold,
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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Prayers of the Church

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to
proclaim...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 a word of peace with your neighbors.

Anthem
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.

We Are the Lord's

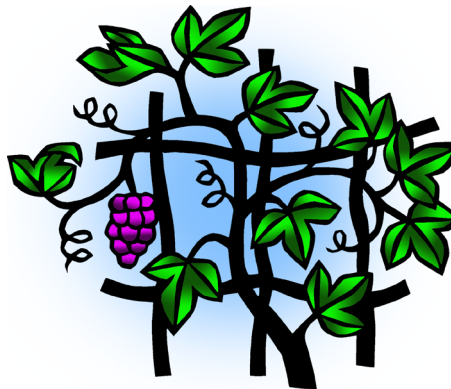
Karl P. Spitta/ Roland E. Martin

*We are the Lord's; His all sufficient merit,
Sealed on the cross, to us this grace accords.
We are the Lord's and all things shall inherit;
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

*We are the Lord's; then let us gladly tender
Our souls to Him in deeds, not empty words.
Let heart and tongue and life combine to render
No doubtful witness that we are the Lord's.*

*We are the Lord's; no darkness brooding o'er us
Can make us tremble while this star affords
A steady light along the path before us—
Faith's full assurance that we are the Lord's.*

*We are the Lord's; no evil can befall us
In the dread hour of life's fast loosening cords;
No pangs of death shall even then appall us.
Death we shall vanquish, for we are the Lord's.*



Offertory

Please stand
as you are able.



Give Thanks

W & P #41

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

Offertory Prayer

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the World. **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.

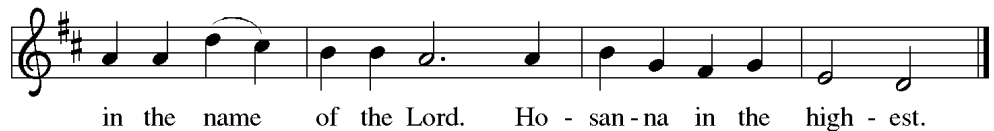
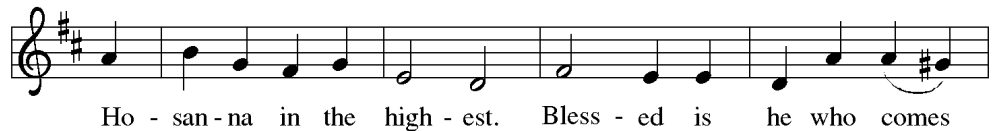
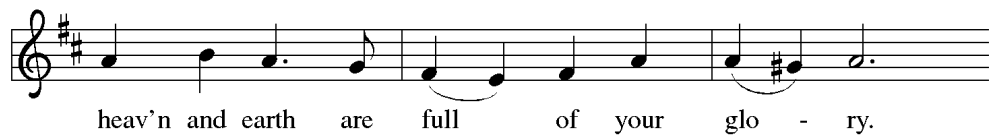
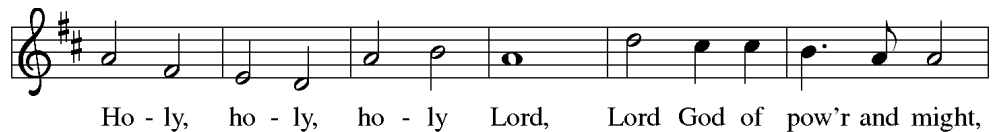
P: Lift up your hearts.

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

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again... Amen.

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.



Distribution

Please be seated.

Distribution Music

Post-Communion Blessing

*Please stand
as you are able.*

Post-Communion Prayer

As The Deer Pants

W&P #9

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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Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is positioned in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you towards the front of the church for communion.

Vocalise, 14 Romances, Op. 34

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

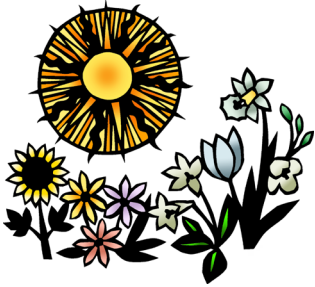
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

A: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

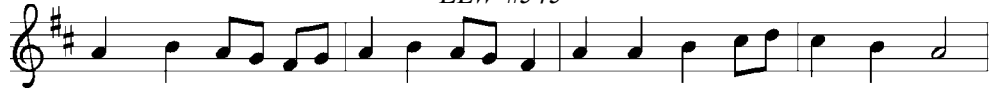


✠ Sending ✠

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.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW #545



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug-gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord makes his face shine upon 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. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Meditation

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

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

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Please note: If you are unable to attend in-person Worship, remember that our Service is live-streamed each week & remains available for subsequent viewing on our [YouTube channel](#).

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 Sunday 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

Pastor *Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug*
Organist *Dr. Kris Rizzotto*
Cello *Jim Loch*
Worship Assistant *Steve Hoyt*
Communion Assistant *Kathy Hering*
Reader *Diane Stensrud*
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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i> Sanctuary & YouTube
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i> Patio/Fellowship Hall
	12:00 PM	<i>Recital</i> Sanctuary
MONDAY, AUGUST 23	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i> Christy Room/Sanctuary
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24	9:15 AM	<i>Prayer Ministry</i> Christy Room
	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA</i> Patio/Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Spiritual Recovery</i> Christy Room/Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study</i> Library/Zoom
	12:00 AM	<i>Staff Meeting</i> Christy Room/Zoom
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon</i> Patio/Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Council Meeting</i> Christy Room/Zoom
FRIDAY, AUGUST 27	6:00 PM	<i>Wedding Rehearsal</i> Sanctuary
SATURDAY, AUGUST 28	3:00 PM	<i>Wengelewski/Hetland Wedding</i> Sanctuary
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i> Sanctuary & YouTube
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i> Patio

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 Bell Stained Glass Appeal

We have now received additional financial commitments which will exceed the amounts needed for the three new bells. As we mentioned at the beginning of the appeal in June, any additional funds received will be used for other projects important to the church. In consultation with existing donors, the Church Council has voted to use these new gifts as seed money for stabilizing and rehabilitating the stained glass in the sanctuary. This is a long-deferred and necessary project, and is on the Council's list of improvements needed for the upkeep and maintenance of the building leading up to the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone in 1925. Having the ability to begin this undertaking at this time is quite exceptional. You may continue to give to the [Bells-Stained Glass Appeal](#) through the next two months. We will celebrate all of these gifts on the Sunday when we finally bless the bells, and we will honor those who are to be remembered through these gifts in our **All Saints Sunday** worship service in **November**.

Learn more about the [French Family of Bell Makers](#).

Prayer List

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

Matthew Moen; Ross Formell; Anna Lena Skold; Colin Mason, friend of the Amann family; the family of **Linda Peterson**, sister of Jan Stewart and Beryl Waldeland; **Bill Schouville**, friend of Phyllis Dahl; **Jim Jodie**, cousin of Carolyn Hagford; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin; **David Beebe**, brother-in-law of Rick and Suzanne Pepin and John Fitch; **Bruce Payne & Mike Payne**, cousins of Michelle McCreery; **Beth Addington, Howard Thorsheim**, friend of John Bergford.



Loved Ones In The Military

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



Our Saviour's Housing Meals in 2021

For many years, Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church has provided a meal on the first Friday each month.

Due to changes at the shelter, we are providing \$230 - \$250 (a recent adjustment to the amount) to cover the meal each month. oscs-mn.org

Thank you to **Carol Kuehn, Vicki Kuehn-Larson, & Rebecca, Morell** for AUG 6.

David & Mary Goplen donated for SEPT 3.

Mary Sabatke & family donated for NOV 4.

Please consider serving on...

OCT 1 or DEC 3

To reserve, contact [Cheri Moe](#) or (952) 431-5226.
Send your check to the church.

~HAPPY BIRTHDAY!~

Ross Bartels 8/22 Ben Formell 8/23

Mary Abbe Hintz 8/27 Larry Moe 8/27

Readers, Ushers, & Coffee Servers

Please contact the [church office](#) if you can assist on Sundays as reader, usher or coffee server. Assigned lists will not be made until September so volunteers over the summer will be appreciated.

Choir

Rehearsals will begin **September 1 at 7:00 PM** in the **Sanctuary**.

Meditation

LOTI is available during office hours for a time of quiet meditation. You can use the sanctuary to spend time in prayer, light a candle, listen to recorded sacred music, and/or use a guided meditation tool. Please call the church office to reserve a time.

Tech Support Needed

We are seeking individuals who would be interested in assisting Joseph LaMere in live streaming worship services at LOTI. Prior experience is not necessary. Training will be provided for both audio & video production.

Please contact [Pastor Haug](#) for more information.

Kid Worship Materials

Kid worship materials are available in the **Narthex** (back of Sanctuary). Crayon packets and a variety of coloring pages and activity sheets are available for your children to enjoy during worship. You are welcome to take home a copy of the *Spark Family* magazine, which has materials for both younger and older children.

Nursery Available in Christy Room

Welcome to our youngest friends in the congregation!

We know that you sometimes need another space to be in during worship to get your wiggles and giggles out. Our **Nursery** is available for you and your parents to use during the service, if needed, and has a TV showing the livestream of the service.

Ushers can help you with directions. Please bring any toys and/or books with you that your child might enjoy, as we are not yet able to restock our toys and books to keep it safe for all.

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Sunday School Leaders Needed...

Can You Help?

We are currently recruiting vaccinated high school youth and adults to assist in leading a *Sunday School* classroom. We are hopeful that we can offer in person Sunday School starting **September 12**. If you love working with kids and would like to help, please contact [Diane LaMere](#). Training and fun will be provided!

Sunday School Registration Time!

We will be opening registration for *Sunday School* this month. *Sunday School* will launch on **September 12** and is offered to children who are *age 3 by September 1 through 6th grade*. A link will be available on our website and sent to current families. If you are not on our mailing list and would like to register, please contact [Diane LaMere](#) at for registration information.

We hope to offer in person Sunday School however our final decision will be guided by the latest CDC guidelines and the MN Department of Health in the coming weeks. Materials will be provided to families who register and opt to remain virtual.



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God's Help, Our Hands

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