



LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

RALLY SUNDAY

September 12, 2021

Welcome back, and perhaps back together again, to Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church. Over the past year and a half, we have worked to stay together in our celebration of worship, service and education. This morning we begin again with our program year of education for our youth and adults.

✠ 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

Sunday

Arr Leroy Holmes

Welcome



Call to Worship for the Beginning of a New School Year

*Please stand
as you are able.*

God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you.

Last year was different from what we expected.

We couldn't see our friends or play on playgrounds, we learned at home, in masks six feet apart, or both.

In all these changes, we may have felt sad and alone.

God, our friend who comforts us, hold us close and wipe our tears.

In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons, and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations.

There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring— of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become.

God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all.

Be with us as we ride the bus. Be with us as we walk. Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes.

However we get there, and whatever we wear, bless this journey into something new.

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

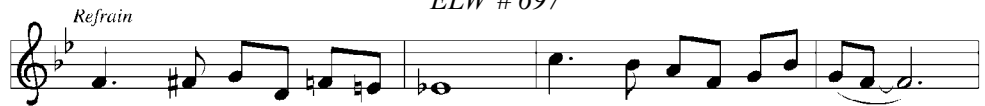
As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Gathering Hymn



Just a Closer Walk With Thee

ELW # 697



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message
Please be seated.

**Prayer of the
Opening of the
Sunday School Year**
Please be seated.

✠ **Word** ✠

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



*Children, families, and all who love them,
Go out into the beautiful world that God has made!
Go and play!
Go and learn!
Go and love others!
May you be filled with loving kindness for yourself and everyone around you.
May the prayers of your faith community keep you safe, healthy and full of joy.
Amen.*

Dismissal Song



Jesus Loves Me!

ELW # 595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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. Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Apostles' 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

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.

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW # 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

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: Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, ...
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.

✠ 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.

Anthem

Please be seated.

When the Saints Go Marching In

arr Red McCloud



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.**

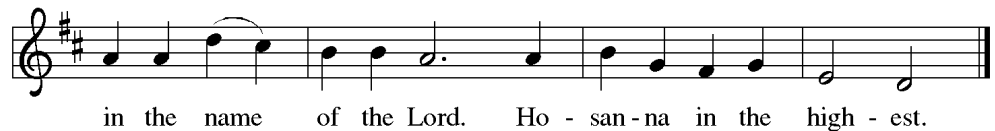
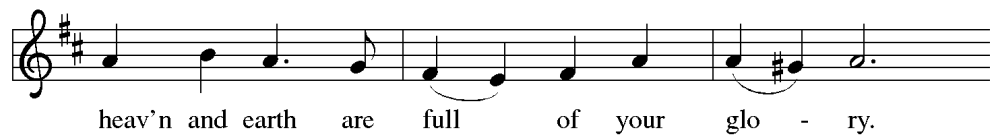
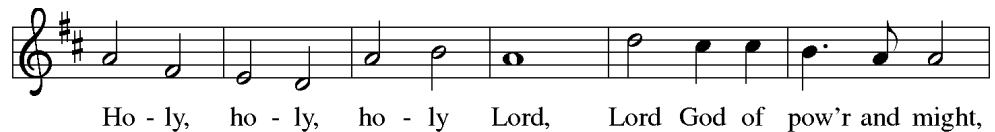
P: Lift up your hearts.

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



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.

St. James Infirmary

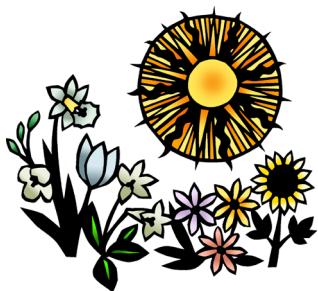
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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.

Oh, When the Saints

TFF #180



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.

5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.

6 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

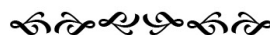
The Lord makes his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

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

Muskrat Ramble

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

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	<i>Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug</i>
	Organist.....	<i>Dr. Kris Rizzotto</i>
	Special Music.....	<i>Dixie Kats</i>
	Worship Assistant.....	<i>Steve Hoyt</i>
	Communion Assistant	<i>Kathy Hering</i>
	Reader	<i>Debby Pizarro</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Cathy Carlson & Kathy Hering</i>
	Usher	<i>Diane Stensrud</i>
CHURCH OFFICERS	Coffee Hosts.....	<i>Anita Duder</i>
	President.....	<i>Chanda Olson</i>
	Vice President	<i>Marty Carlson</i>
	Treasurer	<i>Ross Bartels</i>
	Secretary	<i>Jon Sprain</i>
STAFF	Pastor.....	<i>Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug</i>
	Director of Music	<i>Dr. Kris Rizzotto</i>
	Children's Ministry Director.....	<i>Diane LaMere</i>
	Worship Technical Director	<i>Joseph LaMere</i>
	Office Manager	<i>Linda Nelson</i>
	Design & Communication Director	<i>Michelle McCreery</i>
	Custodian/Caretakers	<i>Sarah & Trevor Skorburg</i>

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12	9:30 AM	<i>Rally Sunday Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School</i>	Sanctuary, YouTube & SS Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour.....</i>	Patio/Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13	7:00 PM	<i>AA.....</i>	Christy Room/Sanctuary
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	9:15 AM	<i>Prayer Ministry</i>	Christy Room
	10:00 AM	<i>Writer's Group</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA</i>	Patio/Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Spiritual Recovery.....</i>	Christy Room/Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study</i>	Library/Zoom
	12:00 AM	<i>Staff Meeting</i>	Christy Room/Zoom
	4:00 PM	<i>Confirmation</i>	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i>	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon.....</i>	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	<i>St. Croix Valley Opera</i>	Sanctuary
	7:00 PM	<i>Church Council</i>	Library
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17	5:00 PM	<i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>	Sanctuary
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18	4:00 PM	<i>Ross/Kohlner Wedding.....</i>	Sanctuary
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School.....</i>	Sanctuary, YouTube & SS Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour.....</i>	Patio

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:



Matthew Moen; Anna Lena Skold; Colin Mason, friend of the Amann family; **Bill Schouviller**, friend of Phyllis Dahl; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Jim Peterson**, brother-in-law of Rick & Suzanne Pepin; **David Beebe**, brother-in-law of Rick & Suzanne Pepin and John Fitch; **Beth Addington; Howard Thorsheim**, friend of John Bergford; **Graham Rawle**, friend of Michelle McCreery & Mark Duff; **Tom Friend**, brother-in-law of Kathy & Mark Hering.

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](#).

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members & 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.

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

David & Mary Goplen donated for SEPT 3.

Mark & Kathy Hering donated for OCT 1.

Mary Sabatke & family donated for NOV 4.

Cherie Moe donated for DEC 3.

Update: The shelter will transition to a different type of facility in the coming month and needs will change once more.

For information, contact [Cheri Moe](#) or (952) 431-5226. oscs-mn.org

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.

~**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**~

Mary Jubenville 9/12 Jacob Hovda 9/13

Tygrave Svard 9/15 Taylor Rondestvedt 9/17

LOTI Book Club

Book Club starts **September 24** at the home of *Debra Gilroy* at **5:00 pm**. The book for **September** is ***Strength of His Hand***, by *Lynn Austin*. Please bring your book, a light snack to share and a willingness to laugh, love and learn.

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.

Sunday Volunteers for Autumn

We are seeking 16 to 20 LOTI members or friends to join one or more of our volunteer lists for September through December 2021.

Our hope is to have large enough lists to schedule volunteers for one Sunday each. At this point we have received responses to fulfill approximately half of our needs.

Tasks are as follows:

- **Ushers** greet worshipers, provide bulletins, give direction as needed, as well as collect offerings and guide participants to Communion.
- **Readers** participate in leading worship by reading the Scripture Lesson from the Lectern.
- **Coffee Hour Hosts** prepare coffee and tea, as well as serve, using designated carafes. Instructions are posted for new volunteers. Please note that the church will provide small-bite snacks, so volunteers need only brew coffee and tea, serve on the Patio or in the Fellowship Hall, and clean used kitchen items.

[Sign up here](#)

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.

Choir Rehearsal

LOTI Choir rehearses on **Wednesdays at 7:00pm** in the **Sanctuary**.

In Concert:

An Evening of Wagner & Schumann, with Debra Gilroy & Eric McEnaney

In partnership with the *St. Croix Valley Opera*, the *Richard Wagner Society of the Upper Midwest* presents *Debra Gilroy(Soprano) & Eric McEnaney(Piano)* live from **LOTI** on **September 16, 7:00 - 8:15 PM**. We're pleased to bring you this concert both in-person (social distancing and masks required) & online via [Zoom](#), *At Home*. Please register in advance for the [Zoom](#) or [In-Person](#) event.

Staffed 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 staffed and available for your little one to use. *Ushers* can help you with directions or follow the signs provided in the back of the **Sanctuary**. We currently have a capacity of **3** children in the **Christy Room**, on a first come, first served basis.

Sunday School Registration

You can still register your children for **Sunday School** (in-person or remote)! Sunday School is offered for children who are **age 3** by **September 1** through **6th grade**. Children registered for in-person **Sunday School** will be dismissed after the **Children's Message** and will return at the start of **Communion**. We do require masks of all ages during **Sunday School**. Contact [Diane LaMere](#)

Visiting Sunday School Age Children

Children **age 3** through **6th Grade** are welcome to visit **Sunday School**. We do ask that you are able to adhere to our safety guidelines currently in place (masks, physical distancing etc) and that a parent/guardian accompany your child to **Sunday School** so that we can explain guidelines etc.

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](#)

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God's Help, Our Hands

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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 to 12:00 PM