



# LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Second Sunday of Advent ✠

December 5, 2021

*Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the salvation of God.*

## ✠ 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

***Langsam from Fünf Stücke im Volkston, Op. 102***

*Robert Schumann (1810-1856)*

Welcome



## ✠ Confession & Forgiveness ✠

**Penitential Rite**

*Please stand as  
you are able.*

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**

P: 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



## Comfort, Comfort Now My People

ELW #256



- 1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
- 2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
- 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

## Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Chrst, 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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. **By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Children's Message**  
*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.*



**Lighting of the  
Second Advent  
Candle**

*Isaiah 9:6-7*

On the First Sunday of Advent we lit a candle of Hope. Today we light the candle of Peace. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. From the prophet Isaiah:

**For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.**

**Advent 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  
Our Father, you have sent your son  
From your unbounded grace.  
A second candle we now light  
To honor you with praise.*

## **Gospel**

### **Luke 3:1-6**

*John the Baptist is a herald of Jesus, whose way is prepared by repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As we hear the careful record of human leaders, we sense the spectrum of political and religious authority that will be challenged by this coming Lord.*

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**



## **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



### *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*



1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set Thy peo - ple free;  
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a King;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in Thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now Thy gracious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it, rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.



WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744

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MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906, alt.

**Reception of  
New Members**

*Please be seated.*

*Susan Friske Pfaff*

*Elisabeth Hurliman, Caroline & Charlotte*

*Mary Jubenville*

*James Olson*

*Kari Rayvich & Lenore*

*Brandon & Kelsey Stenglein & Isabelle*

**Prayers of the Church**

*Please stand as  
you are able.*

P: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that  
yearn for God's presence.

*A brief silence.*

A: You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make  
our bishops,...

**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.*

### ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

*arr Marshall McDonald & Steve Sharp Nelson*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer. Our spirits by Thine advent here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night And death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou Key of David come And open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**Offertory Response**  
*Please stand as  
you are able.*



### ***Create In Me a Clean Heart***

*WOV #732*

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:** God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

**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.**

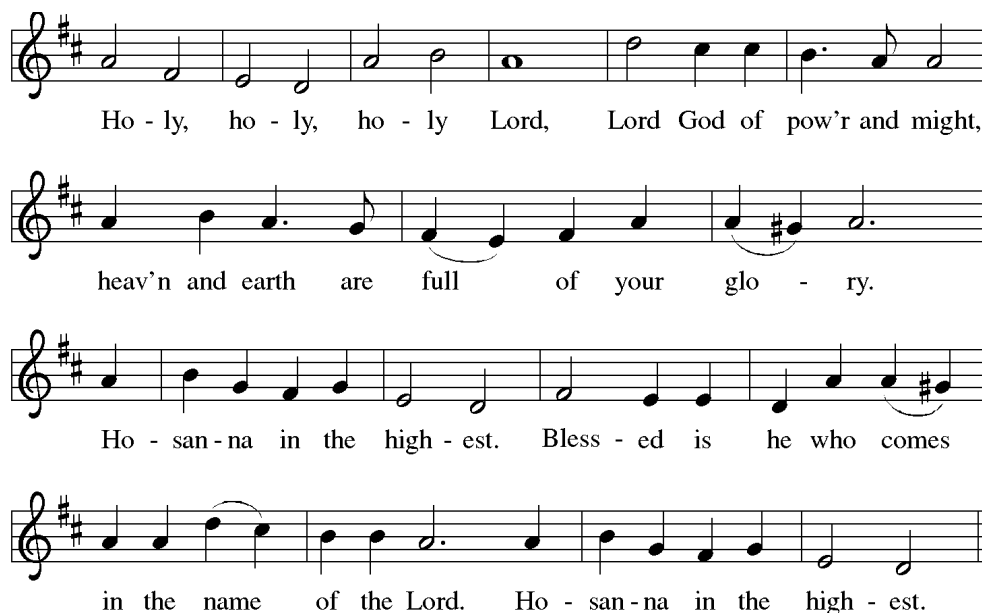
P: Lift up your hearts.

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



## Words of Institution



## 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 Christ Thou Lamb of God*

LBW #103

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: CHRISTI, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528

### **Distribution**

*Please be seated.*

*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.*

### **Distribution Music**

### *Spiegel im Spiegel (Mirror/s in the mirror)*

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

### **Post-Communion**

#### **Blessing**

*Please stand  
 as you are able.*

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

C: Amen.

### **Post-Communion**

#### **Prayer**

A: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## Sending Hymn

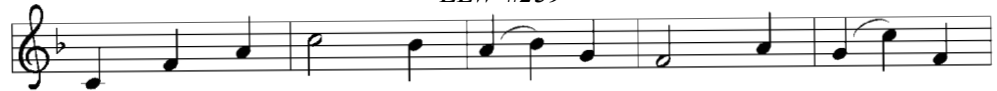


## ✠ Sending ✠

*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.*

### ***Hark, the Glad Sound***

ELW #239



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to 'en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751  
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

## 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

### ***Lied ohne Worte (Song without Words), Op. 109***

*Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)*

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

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# WELCOME

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*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.*

<b>YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY</b>	Pastor .....	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
	Organist.....	Dr. Kris Rizzotto
	Trumpet.....	Dr. Ben Alle
	Cello.....	Jim Lach
	Worship Assistant.....	Marty Carlson
	Communion Assistant .....	Mary Sabatke
	Altar Servers .....	Cathy Carlson & Kathy Hering
	Reader .....	Eric Amann
	Usher .....	Mary Flynn
	Coffee Hosts.....	Diane Stensrud; Robin & Mark Bloom
<b>CHURCH OFFICERS</b>	President.....	Chanda Olson
	Vice President .....	Marty Carlson
	Treasurer .....	Ross Bartels
	Secretary .....	Jon Sprain
<b>STAFF</b>	Pastor.....	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
	Director of Music .....	Dr. Kris Rizzotto
	Children's Ministry Director .....	Diane LaMere
	Worship Technical Director .....	Joseph LaMere
	Office Manager .....	Linda Nelson
	Design & Communication Director .....	Michelle McCreery
	Custodian/Caretakers .....	Sarah & Trevor Skorburg

***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](#)***

# CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i> .....	Sanctuary & YouTube
		<i>Sunday School</i> .....	Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i> .....	Fellowship Hall
	12:00 PM	<i>Low Recital</i> .....	Sanctuary
	5:00 PM	<i>Huttner Recital</i> .....	Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i> .....	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7	9:15 AM	<i>Prayer Ministry</i> .....	Christy Room/Sanctuary
	5:15 PM	<i>Women's SA Group</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, DECEMBER 8	9:30 AM	<i>Bible Study</i> .....	Library/Zoom
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting</i> .....	Christy Room /Zoom
	4:00 PM	<i>Confirmation</i> .....	Christy Room
	7:00 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i> .....	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9	6:00 PM	<i>Punschklubben</i> .....	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Growlers &amp; Theology</i> .....	Library
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i> .....	Sanctuary & YouTube
		<i>Sunday School</i> .....	Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i> .....	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	<i>Julbord ~ Christmas Smörgåsbord</i> .....	Fellowship Hall

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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:



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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### 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 for 40 on the first Friday of every month. Due to COVID-19, our monthly meals are provided by donation. The shelter orders and serves the meal. The cost to provide the meal is \$250.

**Cherie Moe** donated for **DEC 3. Thank you!**

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

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**~HAPPY BIRTHDAY!~**

**Cheri Moe 12/5 Katherine Mechels 12/5**

**David Brost 12/7 Steve Hoyt 12/8**

**Carol Kuehn 12/11**

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### 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 **not** staffed today but families are welcome to use it, if needed, in the Christy Room. Ushers can help you with directions or follow the signs provided in the back of the Sanctuary.

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### 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.

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## Women's Bible Study

We are studying is *Children of the Day*, by Beth Moore which can be purchased through Amazon or your favorite bookstore. Our sessions are at **7:00 PM** in the **Library** on **December 2 & 16, January 20, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5 & June 2.** Contact [Debra Gilroy](#), or visit [LOTI Groups](#).

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## Thank You!

*Lee Wilson* has provided the beautiful winter planters by the side door on 21st Street and the wreaths on the front doors of the church.

Also, thank you, *Pastor Haug & family* for decorating the sanctuary and other areas of the church for Christmas as part of their Thanksgiving gathering.

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## Christmas Tea

On **December 19**, we will have a down-sized Christmas Tea & Cookie Sale following Lessons and Carols. We are asking for donations of cookies which can be brought to the church on **Sunday, December 12th through Friday, December 17th.** Volunteers will be needed to set up and decorate tables in **Fellowship Hall** and to help bag cookies that afternoon. Please call or email the church office at [linda.nelson@loti.org](mailto:linda.nelson@loti.org) if you can help. Proceeds from the cookie sale will be used to purchase additional silverware for the kitchen.

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## **JULBORD - CHRISTMAS SMÖRGÅSBORD**

**PLEASE JOIN US**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, AT 12 NOON**

### **MENU**

*Glögg (warm spiced wine) or Hot Apple Cider & Ginger Cookies*  
*Tomtens Favorit Sill - Santa's Favorite Red Herring*  
*Creamy Saffron Herring*  
*Glasmästare Sill - Traditional Pickled Herring*  
*Sillsallad - Herring & Beet Salad*  
*Eggs topped with Creamy Seafood Salad*  
*Two kinds of Scandinavian Cheese*  
*Boiled Fingerling Potatoes*  
*Dill and Vodka Marinated Salmon with Sweet Dill Mustard Sauce*  
*Jul Lax - Baked Salmon with Christmas Spices & Mustard*  
*Julskinka - Swedish Christmas Ham*  
*Apple Sauce & Mustard*  
*Homemade Chicken Liver Paté with Cumberland Sauce*  
*Pickled Cucumbers*  
*Brie Cheese and a Variety of Crackers & Olives*  
*Jansson's Temptation*  
*Dopp i Grytan - Dip in the Pot - & Homebaked Vört Limpa*  
*Meatballs & Lingonberries*  
*Prinskorv - Swedish Wieners*  
*Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage*  
*Swedish Potato Sausages*

### **DESSERT TABLE**

*Ris a la Malta - Creamy Rice Pudding - with Sweet Fruit Sauce*  
*Ginger Cookies & a Variety of Swedish Cookies*  
*Bite Size Flourless Brownies with Whipped Cream*  
*Fresh Fruit Salad*  
*Glögg Marinated Figs & Cheddar Cheese*

*Adults ~ \$34.00, all inclusive*

*Children ages 5-12 ~ \$15.00*

*Children under 5 ~ Free of charge*

**GOD JUL OCH HJÄRTLIGT VÄLKOMNA!**

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Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Friday 9:00 to 12:00 PM

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