



LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ Fourth Sunday of Lent ✠

March 27, 2022

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

✠ 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

Sacred Dance

Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949)

Welcome



Call to Worship

Psalm 23

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

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

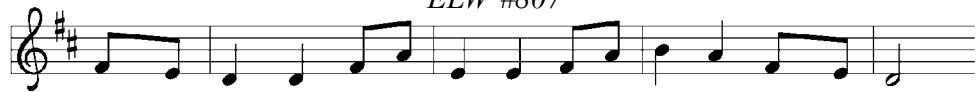
As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

Gathering Hymn



Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW #807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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.

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

Kyrie

*Assisting Minister begins
& Congregation echoes.*



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

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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.

Dismissal Song

✠ **Word** ✠

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



You Are My Hiding Place

W&P #160

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "You are my hid - ing place; you al - ways fill my heart with songs of de - liv - er - ance. When - ev - er I am a - fraid I will trust in you, I will trust in you. Let the weak say, 'I am strong in the strength of the Lord.' strength of the Lord, I will trust in you." The score includes a repeat sign for the final line and a "To repeat" bracket for the first line of the final line. A "Last time" bracket is placed over the first line of the final line.

**may be sung in canon*

Text: Michael Ledner
Music: HIDING PLACE, Michael Ledner

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Lenten Verse

*Please stand
as you are able.*

♩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,
slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.



Gospel
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-33

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's house.

Sermon
Please be seated

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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.

Vs 1 All,

vs 2 Women,

vs 3 Men,

vs 4 in canon

Women begin,

*Men begin at *ised,*

Vs 5 All.



Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW #779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - *ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Prayers of the Church

P: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church... 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.

Offertory
Please stand
as you are able.



Offertory Prayer

✠ 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.

Nearer, My God, to Thee

arr. Georgiann Toole

*Nearer, my God to thee, nearer to thee.
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me.
Still all my song shall be nearer, my God to thee.
Though like the wanderer sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone.
Ye in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God to thee.
Now on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon and stars forgot, upward I fly.
Still all my song shall be nearer, my God to thee.*

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

A: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. .

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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

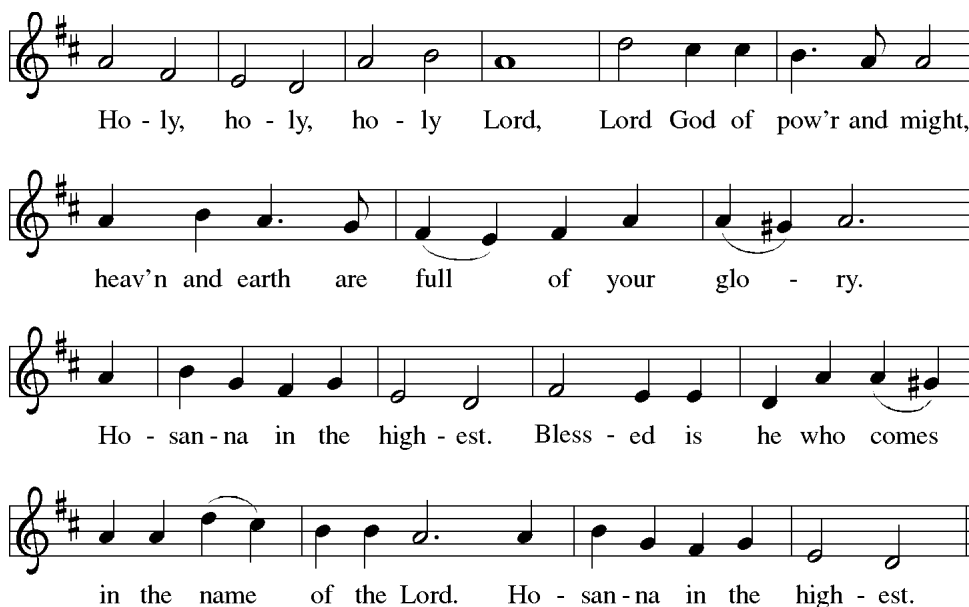
P: Lift up your hearts.

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

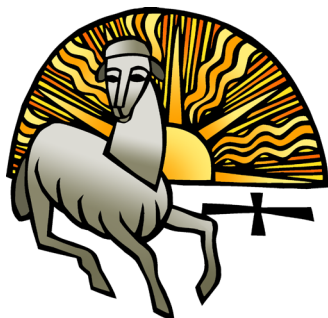
Invitation to Communion

Please be seated

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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

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.

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

Adagio

Jeff Perks (b. 1962)

**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: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.
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.

Print Thine Image Pure and Holy

Print thine im - age pure and ho - ly On my heart, O
So that noth - ing high or low - ly Thy blest like - ness

Lord of Grace;
can ef - face. Let the clear in - scrip - tion be:

Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, And the Lord of all cre - a -

tion, Be my ref - uge and sal - va - tion. A - men.

*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. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Toccata Brevis

Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949)

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

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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 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*
Worship Assistant..... *Kathy Hering*
Communion Assistant *Mary Sabatke*
Reader *Lorraine Spies*
Altar Servers *Mary & David Goplen*
Usher *Linda Nelson*
Coffee Hosts..... *Naomi & Eric Mechels*

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CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 27	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Sanctuary
	2:00 PM	<i>Fundraiser for Ukraine Concert</i>	Women's Club of Minneapolis
MONDAY, MARCH 28	7:00 PM	<i>AA</i>	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, MARCH 29	9:15 AM	<i>Prayer Ministry</i>	Christy Room/Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting</i>	Christy Room /Zoom
	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 Rom/Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study</i>	Library/Zoom
	11:30 AM	<i>Lenten Service</i>	Sanctuary/YouTube
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting</i>	Christy Room/Zoom
	4:30 PM	<i>Confirmation</i>	Christy Room/Zoom
	7:30 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i>	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, MARCH 31	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon</i>	Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY, APRIL 2	9:30 PM	<i>Priscilla Circle</i>	Christy Room
SUNDAY, APRIL 3	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Fellowship Hall

SCAN TO GIVE



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](#)

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:



Eric Amann, Matthew Moen; Greg Clark, father of Kami Moen; **Jacquie Crackel**, sister of Robin Bloom; **Anna Lena Skold; Tom Beem**, friend of the Kuehn family; **Colin Mason**, friend of the Amann family; **Trygve Svard; Evangeline Hagfors**, cousin of David Hagford; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Alison Peterson**, friend of Susanne Haas; **Tom Friend**, brother-in-law of Mark & Kathy Hering; **Graham Rawle**, friend of Michelle McCreery & Mark Duff, **Beth Addington, & Elizabeth Muench**, friends of the congregation, the family of **Dana Hornquist** on the death of his mother.

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.

Nursery in the 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 simply follow the signs provided in the back of the **Sanctuary**.

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.

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

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.

Thanks to **Susanne Haas & Ross Formell** for **March**. Our **2022** schedule:

APR *Kathy & Mark Hering*

MAY *Kristi & Bob Brownson*

JUN *Jim Olson*

JUL *Mary Jubenville, Mary Flynn, Denise Wilkens, & Linda Nelson*

AUG *Rick Gripentrog*

SEP *Dr. Remi & Debby Pizzaro*

OCT *Jean & Bruce Carlson*

NOV *Mary Sabatke*

DEC *Carol Kuehn & Family*

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

~HAPPY BIRTHDAY!~

Heather Jacoby 3/27 Spencer Reisberg 3/27

Eivor Lund 3/29 Renate Amann 4/2

Lenten Services

Throughout the **Lenten** season, we will offer one mid-week service at **11:30** which will be live-streamed.



Join us **Today, March 27th at 2:00 PM**
at the **Women's Club of Minneapolis Theater**,
10 Oak Grove St, for an afternoon of music
& outpouring of support for Ukraine.
The Isles Ensemble, featuring Stephanie Arado &
Natalia Moiseeva, violin; Ken Freed, viola; Laura
Sewell & Tom Rosenberg, cello; and Ukranian-born
Ivan Konev, piano, will present an afternoon of
music. The program includes greetings from *Pastor*
Arden Haug on behalf of **Lutheran Disaster Re-**
sponse, and *Ambassador Eric Rubin*, President of the
American Foreign Service Association..
Admission is free of charge.
Donations are encouraged!
100% of donations will go to the support fund via
checks made payable to **Lake of the Isles Lutheran**
Church (memo line: Eastern Europe Crisis Response)
or [online](#).
The concert will be [live-streamed](#). [womensclub.org](#)
Hill & Lake Press featured an [article](#) this week, and
the **Star Tribune** included a mention in the Letters
section.
Please phone [\(612\) 813-5300](#) for more information.

LOTI Book Club

The next gathering is **April 29**, at the home of *Debra Gilroy* at **5:00 PM**. The book is ***Dearly Beloved***, by *Cara Walls*. Please bring your book, a light snack to share and a willingness to laugh, love and learn.

[LOTI Book Club](#)

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 **April 21, May 19 & June 16**. Contact [Debra Gilroy](#), or visit [LOTI Groups](#).

Pancake Breakfast

LOTI will once again host our annual pancake breakfast on **Palm Sunday, April 10** following our Worship service.

Easter Egg Hunt

On **Palm Sunday, April 10** we'll have an Easter Egg hunt for LOTI kids at the Parsonage as well.

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Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM