

# LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

❖ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ❖

DECEMBER 18, 2022

*This morning, we hear again the familiar story of the fall, the promise and God's redemption in the English tradition of a Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The worship service follows an order that was written a century ago in 1918 by the Dean of King's College, Cambridge, Eric Milner-White. He had served as a chaplain in the trenches of World War I, and wanted to comfort his fellow soldiers with the Christmas gospel.*



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*Inspired by Christ, living and growing in faith,  
we are a loving and open community of worship, witness,  
and service in God's world.*  
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## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

*Please stand as you are able.*

## John 13:34-35

## Advent Song

## ✠ 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 prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

## Hear, King of Angels

*Layton James  
from Johann Sebastian Bach's Christmas Oratorio*



Today we light again the first three candles of the Advent wreath, the candles of Hope, Peace and Joy. Now we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love. Advent is a time for kindness, thinking of others, and sharing with others. It is a time to love as God loved us by giving us his most precious gift. As God is love, let us be love also. In the St. John's gospel, we find these words:

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Let us pray:

Teach us to love, O Lord. **May we always remember to put you first as we follow Christ's footsteps, that we may know your love and show it in our lives. As we prepare for our celebration of Jesus' birth, also fill our hearts with love for the world, that all may know your love and the one whom you have sent, your son, our Savior. Amen.**

*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.*

*O Mary, favored one of God, For us the Child you bore.  
With joyful light, we honor you, Blessed Mother of our Lord.*

*O Holy Spirit, you appeared As fire and heav'nly dove,  
Your prophet calls us to the light. Come fill us with your love.*

## ❖ A Festival Service of Lessons & Carols ❖

**Solo**

*Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed;  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.*

**Choir**

*He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and meek and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior Holy.*

**Choir**

*And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav'n above;  
And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.*

**All**

*Please stand  
as you are able.*

*Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high;  
Where like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around.*

### Bidding Prayer & Lord's Prayer



Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels: in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this Church glad with our carols of praise:

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself has taught us:



**First Lesson**  
**Genesis 3: 8-15,**  
**17-19**

*God tells sinful Adam  
that he has lost the life  
of Paradise and that his  
seed will bruise the  
serpent's head  
Please be seated.*



**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.**

**P:** The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

**✠ Word ✠**

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

*Pierre LaMere*

They heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all the animals and among the wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life: I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel." And unto Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; and in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth for you, and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

**R:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Choral Anthem

### *Carol of the Bells*

*Peter J. Wilhousky*

*Hark how the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say, throw cares away  
Christmas is here, bringing good cheer, to young and old, meek and the bold.*

*That is their song, with joyful ring, all caroling.*

*One seems to hear words of good cheer from everywhere filling the air.  
Oh how they pound, raising the sound, o'er hill and dale, telling their tale.  
Gaily they ring while people sing songs of good cheer, Christmas is here.*

*Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas,  
On, on they send, on without end, their joyful tone to every home.  
Ding ding... dong!*



## Second Lesson

### **Genesis 22: 15-18**

*God promises faithful  
Abraham that in his  
seed shall the nations  
of the earth be  
blessed.*

*Janna Haug*

The angel of the Lord called unto Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself have I sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

**R:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

All



### ***God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen***

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay  
Remember, Christ, our Savior, Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's power, When we were gone astray*

*O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy*

*O tidings of comfort and joy*

*From God our Heavenly Father, A blessed Angel came;  
And unto certain Shepherds, Brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born, The Son of God by Name.*

*O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy*

*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*And when they came to Bethlehem, Where our dear Savior lay,  
They found Him in a manger, Where oxen feed on hay;  
His Mother Mary kneeling down, Unto the Lord did pray.*

*O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy*

*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood, Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas, All other doth deface.*

*O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy*

*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

*Jean Carlson*

### **Third Lesson**

***Isaiah 9: 2b, 6-7***

*Christ's birth and  
kingdom are foretold  
by Isaiah.*

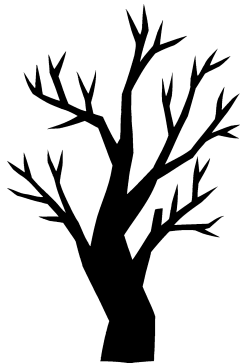


The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them has light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Anthem



## Fourth Lesson

### ***Micah 5:2-4***

*The prophet Micah  
foretells the glory of  
little Bethlehem.*

**All**

*Please stand  
as you are able.*



## ***In the Bleak Midwinter***

*Christina Rossetti/Gustav Holst*

*In the bleak midwinter, frost wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow.  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wiseman I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him- give me heart.*

*David Hagford*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me, one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, and the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the one of peace.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## ***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

## Fifth Lesson

### **Luke 1:26-38**

*The angel Gabriel  
salutes the Blessed*

*Virgin Mary.*

*Please be seated.*



Mary Sabatke

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Anthem

### ***Suo Gan – A Welsh Lullaby***

K. Lee Scott

*Hush, my dear one, Sleep serenely, Now, my lovely Slumber deep.*

*Mother rocks you, Humming lowly, Close your eyes now Go to sleep.*

*Angels hover, Ever nearer, Looking on your Smiling face.*

*I will hold you, Close enfold you Close your eyes now Go to sleep.*

*Lovely darling, I will guard you Keep you from all Woe and harm.*

*Slowly, gently, I will rock you, Resting sweetly, On my arm.*

*May you slumber, E'er so softly, Dream of visions Wondrous fair.*

*I will hold you, Close enfold you. Close your eyes now Go to sleep.*

*May you slumber, E'er so softly, Dream of visions Wondrous fair.*

*I will hold you, Close enfold you. Close your eyes now, Go to sleep.*



## Sixth Lesson

### ***Luke 2:1-7***

*St. Luke tells of the  
birth of Jesus.*



**All**

*Pastor Arden Haug*

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ***Away in a Manger***

*Away in a manger No crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus Lay down his sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky Look down where he lay  
The little Lord Jesus Asleep on the hay*

*The cattle are lowing The poor baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus No crying he makes  
I love thee Lord Jesus Look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle 'Til morning is nigh*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in they tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

## Seventh Lesson

### ***Luke 2:8-16***

*The shepherds go to  
the manger.*



## Choral Anthem

*Please be seated.*

*Pastor Arden Haug*

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly/ Silent Night***

*arr Marty Haugen*

*Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!*

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child. Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace*

*Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born*

*Silent night, holy night! Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth Jesus Lord, at Thy birth*

*Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!*

**All**

*Please stand  
as you are able.*



**Gospel of the  
Incarnation  
John 1:1-14**

*St. John unfolds the  
great mystery of the  
Incarnation.*



***Hark the Herald Angels Sing Hark!***

*The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;*

*David Ackerman*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh, and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## ☒ Service of Holy Communion ☒

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Let us pray: Holy God, as you once visited us in the birth of Jesus,  
visit us now by the power of your Spirit in these gifts of bread and wine, that  
they may be to us the Body and Blood of Christ,  
the banquet of heaven here on earth. **Amen.**



*Please be seated.*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Blessed God, shed your grace brighter than starlight on us that we may bear your good tidings to all and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel – God-With-Us, to whom we give honor and glory in joy, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ☒ Offering & Distribution ☒

### 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.*

### Distribution

*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 in front of the first pew. Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you toward the front of the church for communion.*

### Distribution Music

#### *Carols from France*

*Bring a Torch! Il est né & Noel Nouvelet*

### Collect for Christmas

*Please stand  
as you are able.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he comes to be our judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**C: Amen.**

All



### ***O Come All Ye Faithful***

*Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!*

*Oh, come, ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;*

*Come and behold him born the king of angels:*

Refrain:

Oh come, let us adore him, oh, come let us adore him,

Oh, come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,*

*Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;*

*one of the Father now in flesh appearing!*

Refrain

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,*

*Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!*

*Glory to God... In...the .. highest:*

Refrain

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee born this happy morning,*

*Jesus, to thee be... glory giv'n!*

*Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing*

Refrain

### **Benediction**

P: May he who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, + be upon you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### **Postlude**

### ***Joy to the World***

*arr Layton James*

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

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Pastor .....	Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
Organist .....	Dr. Kris Rizzotto
Flute .....	Laura MacKenzie
Harp .....	Andrea Stern
Trumpet .....	Dr. Ben Alle
Worship Assistant .....	Kathy Hering
Communion Assistant .....	Steve Hoyt
Altar Servers .....	Ellie Holmquist, Ruth Lee & Eivor Lund
Readers .....	Pierre LaMere, Janna Haug, Jean Carlson, David Hagford, Mary Sabatke, & David Ackerman
Usher .....	Anita Duder
Coffee Hour Host .....	Linda Nelson

## CHURCH OFFICERS

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Design & Communication Director .....	Michelle McCreery
Custodian/Caretakers .....	Sarah & Trevor Skorborg

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## CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion.....</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour.....</i>	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	<i>Julbord .....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	<i>Christmas Caroling.....</i>	Home of the Resibergs
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19	7:00 PM	<i>AA.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA.....</i>	Patio/Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Spiritual Recovery.....</i>	Christy Room/Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study.....</i>	Library/Zoom
	7:00 PM	<i>Choir.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
SATURDAY DECEMBER 24	4:30 PM	<i>Christmas Eve Family Service with Holy Communion.....</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25	10:00 AM	<i>Christmas Morning Worship with Holy Communion.....</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube

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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; Elena Glück & family**, niece of Renate Amann; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Beth Addington; Elizabeth Muench**, friends of the congregation; **Natalie Mozey**, daughter of Alan and Mary Poulsen; **Linda Kuehn**, sister-in-law of Carol Kuehn; **Allison Peterson**, friend of Susanne Haas; **Bunny Anderson**, sister of John Bergford; **Allison Reagon**, friend of Michelle McCreery & Mark Duff; **Amara Small & Anne Vaaler Richardson**, friends of Jana Lindberg & Michael Kavoukjian; **Roxanne Spiess**, friend of Phyllis Dahl; **Joey Derington**, brother of Kelly Mayhar; **Ken Haenel**, friend of Mary Sabatke; **Nathan Anderson**, nephew of Rick Pepin; **Geof Witrak**, brother-in-law of Rick Pepin; **David Cook**, brother of Jenny Cook; **Mark Peterson**.

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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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### Staffed Nursery in the Christy Room

Our **Nursery** is staffed today for our littlest ones in the Congregation to use. Ushers can help you with directions to the **Christy Room** or simply follow the signs provided in the back of the **Sanctuary**.

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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

For many years, *Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church* has provided a *meal for 40* on the first Friday of every month. Our monthly meals are provided by donation. The shelter orders and serves the meal. Cost to provide the meal is **\$250**.

Thank you to **Carol Kuehn & Family** for December.

Our 2022-2023 Schedule:

**JAN Lizbeth & Mike Brown**

**FEB Mary & Dave Goplen**

**MAR Ellie Holmquist, Heather Jacoby,  
Ruth Lee, & Gretchen Robertson**

**APR Rick Gripentrog**

For information or sign up, contact Cheri Moe  
[moeclana@aol.com](mailto:moeclana@aol.com) or (952) 431-5226.  
[oscs-mn.org](http://oscs-mn.org)

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Marty Carlson 12/18 Hayden Nelson 12/20**

**Lars Olson 12/21 Guthrie Wilder 12/22**

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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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## Thank You

The beautiful winter decorations by the **21st Street Entrance** were provided by *Lee Wilson*.

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## Women's Bible Study

Library, January 5th & 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM

We are studying *Children of the Day*, by *Beth Moore*.  
Join us! [loti.org/lifestyle/groups/](http://loti.org/lifestyle/groups/)

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## Christmas Caroling

Today, December 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM

You are invited to join the caroling chorus! We will gather at the home of *Michelle & Bernie Reisberg* to sing around the neighborhood before returning to the *Mary Tyler Moore House* for refreshments. Please bring an appetizer to share.

RSVP to [pastor@loti.org](mailto:pastor@loti.org)

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## Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:30 PM

As in years past, the service will center around the Christmas story in *St. Luke's* gospel is framed in familiar Christmas carols and culminating in a *living nativity scene* at the manger for Holy Communion. The *Church Choir* will sing at this worship service. *Please note that there will be **only one service** this year on Christmas Eve.*

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## Christmas Morning Service

December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM

The Sunday morning Christmas worship service on will be highlighted by the Christmas Day cantata, *For Us a Child is Born, BWV 142*. The cantata has long been associated with *J.S. Bach*, but increasingly, musicologists suggest that it was the work of Bach's predecessor in Leipzig, *Johann Kuhnau*. Regardless, it is a colorful piece with a stirring *Alleluia*. The cantata will be performed by strings, flutes, vocal soloists and choir. Along with traditional Christmas carols sung by the congregation, this sparkling and lively cantata will be a wonderful way to begin your Christmas Day.

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## Poinsettias

If you ordered a poinsettia, you may take it home after the Christmas Morning Service or any time the church is open beginning **Tuesday, December 27th**.

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## The Gift of Generosity

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported LOTI this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our [electronic giving](#) options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Contact the church office for more information.

End of the year gifts to LOTI must be received by **Friday, December 31st**.

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Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to Noon



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