# LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Epiphany means manifestation. On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi's adoration of the Christ child, Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine.

The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy.

We go forth to witness the light that shines brightly in our midst.



Journey of the Magi, James Tissot, 1894

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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# ■ 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** 

What Is This Lovely Fragrance

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Welcome

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Call to Worship *Psalm 72* 

Please stand as you are able.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

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**

vs 1 All, v2 Women, vs 3 Harmony, vs 4 Men, vs 5 All, Refrain All.





## **Apostolic Greeting**

## **Prayer of the Day**

# Children's Message

Please be seated.

# Dismissal Song

vss 1, 5 & 6



- 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.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### ₩ Word ₩

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

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# Bright and Glorious is the Sky



- 5 Guided by the star, they found him whose praise the ages sound. We too have a star to guide us, which forever will provide us with the light to find our Lord, with the light to find our Lord.
- 6 And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray with its message so appealing, is the word of God, revealing Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

# Lesson *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst.

Alleluia
Please stand as
you are able.

# Gospel *Matthew 2:1-12*

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.



Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

R: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the second chapter.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 6'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." <sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

Please be seated.

#### Hymn of the Day

Please stand as you are able.



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

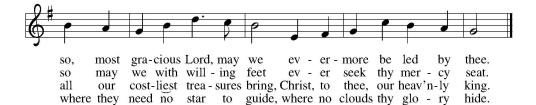
# As With Gladness Men of Old ELW #302



- 1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be hold;
- 2 As with joy ful steps they sped, Sav ior, to thy low ly bed, 3 As they of fered gifts most rare at thy cra dle, rude and bare,
- 4 Ho ly Je sus, ev 'ry day keep us in the nar-row way; 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



light, with joy they hailed its lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright; as there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore; we with ho - ly pure and free from sin's al - loy, SO may joy, and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last sun which goes not down; thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its



sing

al - le - lu - ias

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

there for - ev - er

# Prayers of the Church

P: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

we

may

A brief silence.

- A: Calling God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds... Lord, in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all of 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.

### The Little Drummer Boy

Katherine Kennicott Davis

Come they told me, Pa rum pum pum pum,
A new born king to see, Pa rum pum pum pum,
Our finest gifts we bring, Pa rum pum pum pum,
To lay before the king, Pa rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum, Rum pum pum pum,
So to honor him, Pa rum pum pum pum
When we come.

Baby Jesu, Pa rum pum pum pum,
I am a poor boy too, Pa rum pum pum pum,
I have no gift to bring, Pa rum pum pum pum,
That's fit to give our king, Pa rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum, Rum pum pum pum,
Shall I play for you, Pa rum pum pum pum,
On my drum?

Mary nodded, Pa rum pum pum pum,
The ox and lamb kept time, Pa rum pum pum pum,
I played my drum for him, Pa rum pum pum pum,
I played my best for him, Pa rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum, Rum pum pum pum,
Then he smiled at me, Pa rum pum pum pum,
Me and my drum.

#### What Child Is This

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;

joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

A: Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

#### Anthem



#### **Offertory Response**

Please stand as you are able.

#### **Offertory Prayer**

#### # 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, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...





#### **Words of Institution**

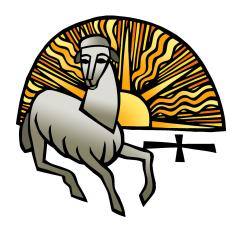
#### **Lord's Prayer**

# Loru Strayer



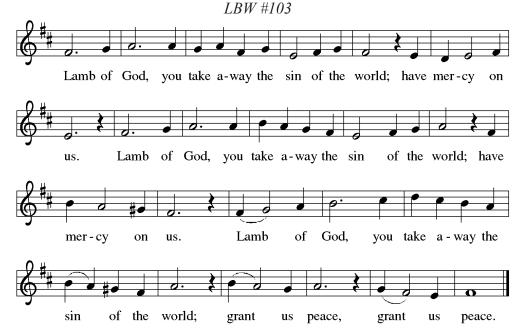
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- C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.
- P: 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

# O Christ Thou Lamb of God



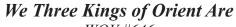
### **Distribution**

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**







Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891, alt. Music: THREE KINGS OF ORIENT, John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

# Post-Communion Blessing

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

# Post-Communion Prayer

- A: Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
- C: Amen.

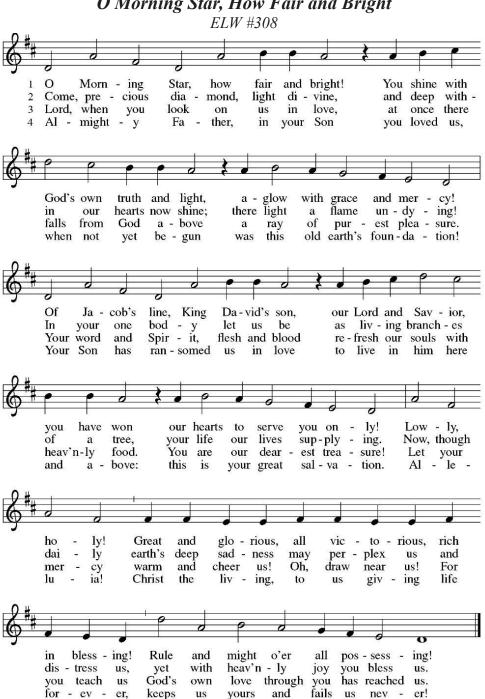
# ■ Sending

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.

## O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



**Sending Hymn** 



#### **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

### **Announcements**

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**Dismissal** 

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** 

Chorale Fantasia "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" BuxWV 223

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music & 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                        | Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                            | Organist                      | Dr. Kris Rizzotto       |
|                            | Worship Assistant             | Mary Sabatke            |
|                            | Communion Assistant           | Kathy Hering            |
|                            | Altar Servers                 | Mary & David Goplen     |
|                            | Reader                        | Mary Jubenville         |
|                            | Usher                         | Don Holzschuh           |
|                            | Coffee Hour Host              | Eric & Naomi Mecchels   |
| Church Officers            | President                     | Marty Carlson           |
|                            | Vice President                | Steve Hoyt              |
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|                            | Secretary                     | Jon Sprain              |
| Staff                      | 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            |
| Des                        | sign & Communication Director |                         |
|                            |                               | Sarah & Trevor Skorburg |

# Calendar

| Sunday, January 8     | 9:30 am  | Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School | ·                          |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                       | 10:30 am | Coffee Hour                                 | Fellowship Hall            |
| Monday, January 9     | 7:00 pm  | AA                                          | Fellowship Hall            |
| Tuesday, January 10   | 9:30 am  | Prayer Ministry                             | Christy Room/Sanctuary     |
|                       | 5:15 pm  | SA Women's Group                            | Christy Room               |
|                       | 7:00 pm  | Men's AA                                    | Patio/Fellowship Hall      |
|                       | 7:00 pm  | AA/Spiritual Recovery                       | Christy Room/Sanctuary     |
| Wednesday, January 11 | 10:00 AM | Bible Study                                 | Library/Zoom               |
|                       | 12:00 pm | Staff Meeting                               | Christy Room/Zoom          |
|                       | 4:30 pm  | Confirmation                                | Christy Room               |
|                       | 7:00 pm  | Choir Rehearsal                             | Sanctuary                  |
| Thursday, January 12  | 12:00 pm | Al Anon                                     | Fellowship Hall            |
|                       | 7:00 pm  | Growlers & Theology                         | Parsonage                  |
| Saturday, January 13  | 9:30 am  | Priscilla Circle                            | Christy Room               |
| Sunday, January 14    | 9:30 am  | Worship with Holy Communion                 | Sanctuary & YouTube        |
|                       |          | & Sunday School                             | <b>Sunday School Rooms</b> |
|                       | 10:30 am | Coffee Hour                                 | Fellowship Hall            |
|                       | 12:30 pm | Hong Recital                                | Sanctuary                  |

SCAN TO GIVE



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Worship is live-streamed each week & remains available for subsequent viewing on our <u>YouTube channel</u>.

# **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; 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; the family of 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; the family of 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; the family of Ethan Kappel.

## 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.

# Loved Ones In The Military

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



# 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.

# Visiting Sunday School Age Children

Children ages 3 through 6th Grade are welcome to visit Sunday School. We do ask that a parent or guardian accompany your child to Sunday School to get them checked in and settled before returning to worship.

## 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.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mary Goplen 1/8 Bernie Reisberg 1/9 Kathy Hering 1/10 Ruth Lee 1/12 Dominik Amann 1/12

Correction to last week's birthday list...

Pat Bracken 1/4

# 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

JUN Jim Olson

**NOV** Mary Sabatke

For information or sign up, contact Cheri Moe moeclana@aol.com or (952) 431-5226. oscs-mn.org

## MN Chamber Music Evening

Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

Minnesota Orchestra Principal Flutist *Adam Kuenzel*, Violinist and Pianist *Brian Krinke*, and Cellist *Laura Sewell* will be featured in an upcoming chamber music concert. Compositions and arrangements by Krinke will be performed, including a world premiere of his trio for flute, violin, and cello, *Fractured Views*. Chamber works by *Prokofiev*, *Villa-Lobos*, *and Faure* will also be performed.

The concert will be presented at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ 2129 Commonwealth Ave. in St. Paul, MN. Admission is free.

Suggested donation is \$20, students and seniors \$5.

### Priscilla Circle

Christy Room Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM

Join us for a time of camaraderie! No knitting skills required..

# Women's Bible Study

Library Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

We are studying *Children of the Day*, by *Beth Moore*. Join us! <u>loti.org/lifestyle/groups/</u>

### **LOTI Book Club**

Home of Deb Gilroy Friday, January 27 5:00 PM

Our book is *The Cost of Discipleship*, by *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. Please bring your book, a light snack to share, and a willingness to laugh, love and learn. debragilroy@gmail.com loti.org/lifestyle/groups

#### **Poinsettias**

If you ordered poinsettias, you may take them home after the service today or any time the church is open. The orders list is posted on the Christy Room door.



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