LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY № FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loosen the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.



Jesus Teaches the People by the Sea, James Tissot, gouache on paper, 1886-1896

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



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

Canzonetta, BuxWV 172

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome

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Call to Worship Psalm 112

Please stand as you are able.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;

the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

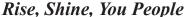
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

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

Gathering Hymn

Vs 1 All, vs 2 Women, vs 3 Men, vs 4 All.





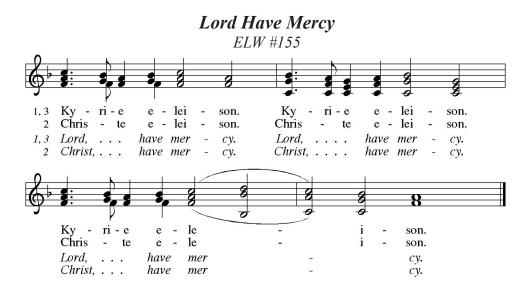


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Apostolic Greeting

- 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.

Kyrie



Music: Russian Orthodox traditional

Gloria



Glory to God in the Highest



Music: Peruvian traditional

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you received the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

₩ Word ₩

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

Children's Message

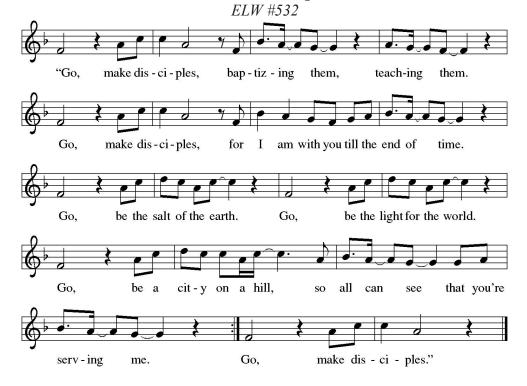
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Dismissal Song

Go, Make Disciples



Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950
Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson
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Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

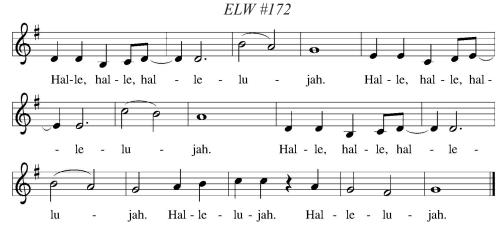
Hallelujah
Please stand as
you are able.

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. 3"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. 4Look, you fast only to guarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. 5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the voke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every voke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? 8Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. 9aThen you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

R: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Halle Halle Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

Gospel *Matthew 5:13-20*

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.



A New Creed

A New Creed is a brief and well-loved affirmation of faith used widely in the worship in The United Church of Canada, 1968. P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

We are not alone,

we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Please be seated.

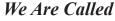
Hymn of the Day

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.





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Music: WE ARE CALLED, David Haas
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Prayers of the Church

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

A brief silence.

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God.

- A: Inspire your church that it may be a sign of life throughout the world. From the exploration of... Lord in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

oth - er,

- 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.

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.

This Little Light of Mine

Neil A. Johnson

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine everyday.

On a Monday, he gave the gift of love,

On Tuesday, peace came from above,

On Wednesday, told me to have more faith,

On Thursday, gave me just a little bit more grace,

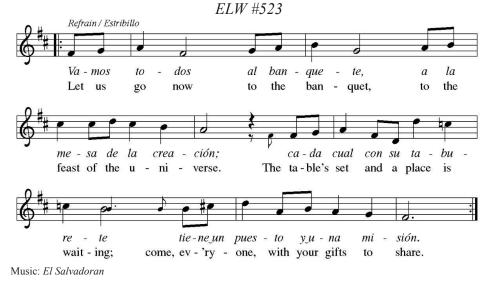
On Friday, told me to watch and pray,

On Saturday, told me just what to say,

On Sunday, gave me the pow'r divine,

just let my little light shine.

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet



Offertory Prayer

A: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **Amen.**

Anthem *Please he seated.*



Offertory Response Please stand as you are able.

₩ 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...





Text: Per Harling, b. 1948

Music: Per Harling

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Music: Swedish

Words of Institution

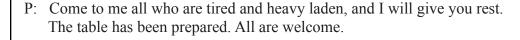
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Lord's Prayer

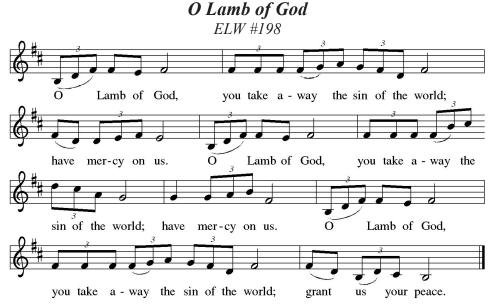
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

Invitation to Communion

Please be seated.







Music: Mabel Wu Music © 1992 Mabel Wu, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Music: Singaporean

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

Passacaglia in d, BuxWV 161

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

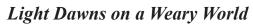
C: Amen.

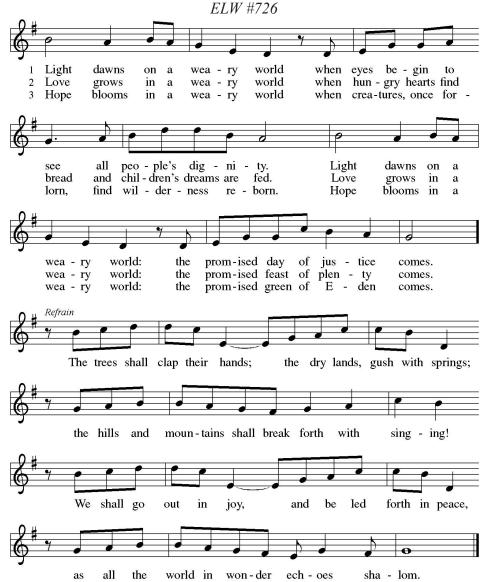
■ Sending ■

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.

Closing Hymn







Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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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.

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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. Kristina Rizzotto
	Worship Assistant	Kathy Hering
	Communion Assistant	Mary Sabatke
	Reader	Kathy Fredell
	Altar Servers	Mary & David Goplen
	Usher	Bill Fredell
	Coffee Hour Hosts	Nicole Olson & Linda Nelson
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CALENDAR

Sunday, February 12	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School	·
	10:30 AM	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
Monday, February 13	7:00 pm	AA	Sanctuary
Tuesday, February 14	7:00 pm	Men's AA	Christy Room/Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	AA/Spirituality Group	Christy Room/Sanctuary
Wednesday, February 15	10:00 AM	Bible Study	Library/Zoom
	12:00 pm	Staff Meeting	Christy Room/Zoom
	7:00 pm	Confirmation	Christy Room/Zoom
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, February 16	12:00 pm	Al Anon	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting	Christy Room
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study	Library
Sunday, February 19		Worship with Holy Communion & Sunday School	Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 am	Fastelavn	Fellowship Hall

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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; Barbara Koster, niece of Phyllis Dahl; Maureen Allen, friend of Carol Kuehn; David Zarling, friend of Kathy and Mark Hering; Sam Pederson, nephew of Jennifer Cook; Beth Addington & Elizabeth Muench, friends of the congregation; Natalie Mozey, daughter of Alan and Mary Poulsen; Allison Peterson, friend of Susanne Haas; Bunny & David Anderson, sister and brother-in-law of John Bergford; Anne Vaaler Richardson, friend of Jana Lindberg & Michael Kavoukjian; friend of Phyllis Dahl; Nathan Anderson, nephew of Rick Pepin; Geof Witrak, brother-in-law of Rick Pepin; David Cook, brother of Jenny Cook; Kathy Sawyer, niece of Philip Friedlund, Mike Mueller, brother of Kathy Fredell; Joey Juras & Fitz Loula, friends of the Gruys family; **Dona Duff**, mother of Mark Duff.

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.

Lenten Devotions 2023

Pick up your copy of *Water & Spirit; Devotions for Lent 2023* today!

They are available at both entrances.

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!

Jean Krinke 2/12 Barbara Madson 2/14 Vicki Kuehn-Larson 2/15 Don Holzschuh 2/18

Women's Bible Study

Thursday, February 16th 7:00 PM

Library

We are studying *Children of the Day*, by *Beth Moore*. Join us!

LOTI Groups

Fastelavn!

Sunday, February 19th

Special Scandinavian folk music will be performed this day, both in Worship and in the Fellowship Hours with the fiddlers from the American Swedish Institute Lilla lag, and a visiting group from Sweden called Skånegänget. Musicians in the congregation are invited to bring their guitars, fiddles and recorders to learn a piece with the ensemble.

Attention bakers! We need Fastelavn Buns for Coffee Hour. Contact the Church Office to sign up. Recipe provided if needed.

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 meals are provided by donation, which the shelter orders and serves. Cost is \$250.

Thank you to Mary & David Goplen for February.

2023 Schedule

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

APR Rick Gripentrog

MAY Chanda & Lars Olson

JUN Jim Olson

JUL Debby & Dr. Remi Pizarro

AUG Denise Wilkens, Mary Jubenville, Mary Flynn, Twyla Hobbs & Linda Nelson

SEP Kathy & Mark Hering

OCT Bruce & Jean Carlson

NOV Mary Sabatke

DEC

To sign up, contact *Cheri Moe*, Cheri Moe or (952) 431-5226.

OSCS

Lutheran World Relief

You can rush aid to neighbors devastated by the earthquake in Turkey.

Your generous gift to our emergency response fund will deliver urgent support, like temporary shelter and critically needed care and supplies for families who lost their homes.

You will reach children, women and men with the care they need RIGHT NOW, helping them endure immediate hardships and easing their suffering.

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Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to Noon

